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Donnie Ratliff—Coal Industry Representative

Mary Quillen—Public Member

Rita Surratt—Public Member

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- 1 **Bradley Lambert:** Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. It's now time to begin our
- 2 proceedings, this morning. I would ask you, this morning, if you have cell phones or other
- 3 communication devices, please turn those off or put them on vibrate. If you must take a call,
- 4 please do so out in the hall. I'd like to begin, this morning, by asking the Board members to
- 5 please introduce themselves. I'll begin with Ms. Surratt.
- 6 **Rita Surratt:** I'm Rita Surratt, public member. I'm from Dickenson County.
- 7 **Paul Kugelman:** Paul Kugelman, Virginia Attorney General's Office
- 8 **Bradley Lambert:** I'm Butch Lambert, with the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy.
- 9 **Donnie Ratliff:** I'm Donnie Ratliff, representing coal.
- 10 **Bill Harris:** I'm Bill Harris, a public member. I'm from Wise County.
- 11 Mary Quillen: Mary Quillen, public member
- 12 **Bradley Lambert:** Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. At this time, we'll receive public
- comments. Has anyone signed up for public comments, this morning?
- 14 **Rick Cooper:** No, sir.

15 <u>Item Number 2</u>

- 16 **Bradley Lambert:** Moving forward, we'll move to Docket Item Number 2. The First Bank and
- 17 Trust Company, Escrow Agent, for the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, will appear to address the
- 18 Board on the Quarterly Report. Good morning.
- 19 **Jody Maney:** Good morning. Does everybody have a copy?
- 20 **Bradley Lambert:** Yes, ma'am.
- 21 **Jody Maney:** This is our First Quarter Report. We'll start out on Page 3, with the summary.
- The beginning balance, as of January 1, 2017, we started out with \$18,467,381.94. We had
- 23 deposits of \$161,262.97, for the quarter. Interest earned, \$9,725.86. Fees of \$4,570.83.
- Distributions for the quarter was \$888,371.88. No audit expenses and no adjustments, for an
- ending balance, for March 31, \$17,745,428.06. The next thing that we have is the outstanding
- 26 check list. This is as of December 31, 2016. So, these are all the checks that have not been
- cashed, through the end of 2016. There are several pages.
- 28 **Paul Kugelman:** To be sure I have that right, this list ends on Page 22?
- 29 **Jody Maney:** Yes.
- 30 **Paul Kugelman:** Okay.

- 1 **Bradley Lambert:** We've got a total amount of...?
- 2 **Jody Maney:** Roughly, \$73,000.
- 3 **Bradley Lambert:** Okay.
- 4 **Jody Maney:** Any questions, on that? [No response] The next item we have, in here, is check
- 5 escheatments. The checks that will be escheated in 2017 total \$1,225.69.
- 6 **Rick Cooper:** So, Mr. Chairman, I would like to state, at this time, the Board had requested that
- 7 we send out letters to these people that were being escheated. Ms. Ketron sent out a letter. This
- 8 is the second time we've notified these people since last Fall. So, we have sent out letters to all
- 9 those people who have potential escheatment. Is that correct, Ms. Ketron?
- 10 **Sally Ketron:** Yes, a second attempt. We got four delivered. One is in transit. Two, no
- authorized recipient. One vacant. There were nine total people that we mailed to. Some had
- multiple checks to be cashed. We haven't received any contact.
- 13 **Rick Cooper:** No response from them, at this time. Also, in regard to those outstanding checks,
- Ms. Ketron, we keep that posted on our website and up-to-date. Right? So, we keep all that data
- on our website, all the outstanding checks. We update that, monthly, to make sure it's correct.
- 16 **Sally Ketron:** We update that quarterly.
- 17 **Rick Cooper:** Quarterly, I should say, with the quarterly report.
- 18 **Jody Maney:** In 2018, the escheatment will be \$911, if these people do not cash their checks
- before 2018. On Page 24, this is your March Summary, with all individual wells, beginning
- balance, deposits, interest, fees deducted, any distributions, transfers to the "No W-9" list, audit
- 21 costs, corrections, and individual ending market values for each individual well. These are the
- balances, as of the end of March, with totals on Page 40.
- 23 **Donnie Ratliff:** Mr. Chairman.
- 24 **Bradley Lambert:** Mr. Ratliff.
- 25 **Donnie Ratliff:** I probably should know the answer to this, but what distinguishes what wells
- are invested in the CDARS accounts and all of them are in the money market, but only part of
- them are in CDARS?
- 28 **Jody Maney:** You would see the CDARS interest, in that specific account.
- 29 **Donnie Ratliff:** What distinguishes what well gets put in which account?

- 1 <u>Jody Maney:</u> There's not, if you'll go over to the investment summary, there's only two CD's,
- 2 right now. So, there's only a total of \$750,000. One Seeder CD that's due, in June. One First
- 3 Bank and Trust CD that's due, in June, as well.
- 4 <u>Bill Harris:</u> Mr. Chairman, Donnie did you get your question answered? I'm not sure. I guess
- 5 what he's asking is, when money comes in, how is it decided to go here versus here?
- 6 **Jody Maney:** If it's a large amount, we try to put it in the CDARS.
- 7 **Bill Harris:** Okay.
- 8 **Jody Maney:** If there is a docket coming up for it, then we have to move it out of the CDARS
- 9 into the money market fund, to be able to pay that docket.
- 10 **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** Of course, it's not just random? It's somewhat...
- 11 **Jody Maney:** Somewhat, but not...
- 12 **Bill Harris:** There's a method to it.
- 13 **Jody Maney:** Yes. Our accounting system allocates the interest to the accounts.
- 14 **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** Thank you. I didn't mean to...
- 15 Mary Quillen: Most of the disbursements, are they coming from the CDARS?
- 16 **Jody Maney:** No, not a tremendous amount.
- 17 Mary Quillen: Okay.
- Jody Maney: Any other questions? [No response] The next thing that we have is the "No W-9"
- 19 list. These are all of the people that have not submitted their W-9 to the gas companies. The
- 20 majority of these are EnerVest people. There's a few EQT people, but the majority is EnerVest.
- 21 On Page 48, is the total of the "No W-9's." There's \$88,975, waiting to be disbursed to these
- people, if they would send in their W-9's.
- 23 Mary Quillen: The reason for this is because this is a new company that...not a new company,
- but it's a new company for these people that are due the disbursements. They have to have the
- W-9. Is that correct?
- 26 **Jody Maney:** Range Resources started this.
- 27 **Mary Quillen:** Right.
- 28 **Jody Maney:** When they submitted their docket, they wanted to include everybody on it, if they
- 29 didn't have a W-9. If they did not have their W-9's submitted to them, then we allocated their
- portion of it out to them and held it in a separate account, until they submitted their W-9.

- 1 Mary Quillen: There's such a large number of these that are EnerVest. Does EnerVest have to
- 2 have a new W-9 or does this follow them from the W-9 that was submitted to Range?
- **Jody Maney:** It's my understanding that the W-9 was never submitted to Range.
- 4 Mary Quillen: So, they were never submitted.
- **Jody Maney:** No.
- **Bill Harris:** Do you know if anyone is working on that, or do we need to wait until we get
- 7 EnerVest in front of us?
- **Bradley Lambert:** I guess what Ms. Quillen was asking, if I can try to restate that, was the
- 9 Range transferred over to EnerVest?
- **Jody Maney:** As far as what W-9's they received?
- **Bradley Lambert:** Yes.
- **Jody Maney:** I don't know that. You would...
- **Rick Cooper:** Mr. Chairman, I might can help with that. Any Range outstanding escrowed
- items, when EnerVest purchased that, everything was transferred from Range to EnerVest.
- **Bradley Lambert:** That's what I was asking.
- **Rick Cooper:** That's correct.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Thank you, Mr. Cooper.
- 18 Mary Quillen: You clarified that, very well. I'm sorry.
- **Jody Maney:** These are still the W-9's that I do not have.
- **Mary Quillen:** I'm just surprised there are so many.
- **Jody Maney:** There are 628 lines on that.
- 22 Mary Quillen: Oh, my goodness!
- **Paul Kugelman:** 629?
- **Jody Maney:** 628.
- **Paul Kugelman:** I see the number, now.
- **Jody Maney:** Some people are on here more than once.

- 1 Mary Quillen: Right. It's not, actually, 628 individuals. There are multiples of them. Still,
- 2 that's quite significant.
- 3 **Jody Maney:** Any other questions, on that? [No response] Page 49 is a list of annual
- 4 distributions, since First Bank and Trust started as the Escrow Agent. So, we started in 2010. It
- 5 lists your royalty and working income, any distributions. Then, 2017, for the year, the income
- 6 has been \$161,263. Distributions have been \$88,372. The next page is the investment of funds.
- 7 There is, roughly, \$17,000,000, in the ICS money market account, \$500,000 in CDARS,
- \$ \$250,000 in a First Bank CD. Both of those come due at the end of June. There's a total of
- 9 \$17,745,428.
- 10 **Bradley Lambert:** Do you need the Board to make a decision on the reinvestments on those
- that are due in June?
- 12 **Jody Maney:** First Bank will come back, in July, if you want to wait until they actually mature,
- at that time. It's up to you.
- 14 **Bradley Lambert:** Okay. How does the Board feel about that? Just wait?
- 15 Mary Quillen: I think we should wait, yes.
- 16 **Bradley Lambert:** Okay.
- 17 **Jody Maney:** Okay.
- 18 Mary Quillen: See how things are, interest-wise.
- 19 **Bill Harris:** Once they mature, they stay in place, though, until.... They don't drop out and we
- 20 come back a month later and say, "Oh, we should have kept those, then."
- 21 **Jody Maney:** They would go into the money market account. They would mature and...
- 22 Mary Quillen: Then, we'd just move them, if we want to re-invest them. We've done that,
- before. They've been moved back out of the money market, when we've re-invested.
- **Bill Harris:** I'm just wondering if we're losing anything, in the process, if we wait a month.
- 25 **Jody Maney:** It would be the change in interest rate, would be the only thing. Right now,
- they're at .88, both of them.
- 27 **Bradley Lambert:** So, is the Board okay with waiting until July?
- 28 **Bill Harris:** I think so.
- 29 **Bradley Lambert:** Okay. Thank you.

- 1 <u>Jody Maney:</u> Okay. Page 51 is the investment snapshot, showing you have \$750,000 in these
- 2 two. Then, the last page is your pros and cons of the CDARS vs. Brokered CD's, that we try to
- 3 provide to you every quarter.
- 4 **Bradley Lambert:** Are there any questions from the Board? [No response] Mr. Cooper, did
- 5 you have one follow-up item?
- 6 **Rick Cooper:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. As of the last period, the Board wanted me to explain how
- 7 the exact pay works. I think there were some questions on how the exact pay works. I'll
- 8 describe that and give you a sample to go by. This exact pay, I guess we implemented about a
- 9 year ago. I'm just going to give an explanation of how you read the table, so it won't be
- 10 confusing, in the future.
- 11 **Donnie Ratliff:** Who was confused?
- 12 **Bradley Lambert:** At the last one, we had one whole docket that was just not exactly.... So,
- good luck, Ms. Maney.
- 14 **Jody Maney:** This is one that we have already disbursed. The exact pay amount is on Table 1.
- 15 This docket, we were to continue, so we would use the previous month-end balance. I think this
- one disbursed out in March, so we would have used Februarys' balance. We take the ending
- balance. We pay out the exact pay, first, to Daniel Keen. We paid him \$1,591.30. Then, on
- Table 2, we take the ending balance and multiply out the percentages, to each individual person.
- You'll see, on Virginia Resources, the adjustment amount, \$1,591.30, is to be subtracted off of
- the Virginia Resources amount.
- 21 **Bradley Lambert:** That was the question that we had.
- 22 **Jody Maney:** I take the ending balance, multiply it by their percentage and then subtract off any
- 23 adjustments.
- 24 **Donnie Ratliff:** So, Daniel Lee Keen sold his interest to Virginia Resources, so he got a fixed
- 25 amount.
- 26 **Jody Maney:** He got a set amount.
- 27 **Donnie Ratliff:** Then, going forward, Virginia Resources would be paid direct, whatever their
- share is.
- 29 **Jody Maney:** Yes.
- 30 **Donnie Ratliff:** Whatever their percentage is.
- 31 **Jody Maney:** Yes.
- 32 **Bradley Lambert:** You made it sound easy.

- 1 <u>Jody Maney:</u> My part of it is easy. It's everything that goes into it, until I get it, is the difficult
- 2 part.
- 3 Mary Quillen: The fixed amount is always paid first. Correct?
- 4 **Jody Maney:** It is paid, first, and then, deducted off of...
- 5 **Mary Quillen:** What the balance was.
- 6 **Jody Maney:** What the balance would have been.
- 7 Mary Quillen: Right.
- 8 <u>Bill Harris:</u> I think, in the past, part of my confusion has been how the fixed amount is
- 9 determined. Usually, we'll ask and get that explanation.
- 10 **Rick Cooper:** So, Mr. Chairman, we have one more item to carry over from the last session. It
- was the docket number. I believe Ms. Gilmer had sent an email to everyone. It was Item 0161-
- 12 07, BUNE1. In 2012, there was a discrepancy on \$644.24. The Board had requested Ms. Maney
- to see if she could find out what happened to that money. I think she has done so. She's going to
- report on that.
- 15 **Bradley Lambert:** Great.
- 16 **Jody Maney:** The \$644.24 from CNX was a voided check from them. They did not take it off
- of their deposit information. They re-issued it, looks like, July and August. Those two numbers
- add up to the \$644.24. So, they had it duplicated on their deposit information.
- 19 **Mary Quillen:** The duplicate payment?
- 20 Jody Maney: Yes.
- 21 Mary Quillen: Oh! That's pretty simple. We thought it was something very complex.
- 22 **Jody Maney:** Matching up the deposits, I did not have a deposit for the \$644. I had two,
- individual, deposits that total the \$644, that they had listed on here twice.
- 24 **Bradley Lambert:** Any other questions? [No response] Thank you, Ms. Maney. As always,
- 25 we appreciate it.
- 26 **Jody Maney:** Thank you.
- 27 **Rick Cooper:** I would like to say, before Ms. Maney leaves, I'm speaking on behalf of Sarah
- and Sally and Brad and Blair that's worked with Ms. Maney, I cannot express how much she has
- caught up in the last year. She has probably done a lot of work. She's probably caught three
- years of data up, in the last year. I just wanted to thank her and let you all know how

- appreciative we are of her. She's been very easy to work with and she's very clear and concise.
- 2 It's just been a real pleasure to work with her. The Board really needs to appreciate the work that
- you all don't know that she's doing, which is great. You don't need to see she's doing it. You
- 4 need to see the results, but she's almost caught up three years of back data, so I want to thank her
- 5 for that.
- 6 **Bradley Lambert:** We appreciate you.
- 7 Mary Quillen: We really appreciate you. You clarify all these things that we imagine are just
- 8 overwhelming.
- 9 **Jody Maney:** Any time you have questions, we don't mind. Pick up the phone and call us, any
- 10 time.
- 11 **Bradley Lambert:** We'll do that. Thank you, very much. We appreciate it.
- 12 **Jody Maney:** Thank you.

13 <u>Item Number 3</u>

- 14 **Bradley Lambert:** At this time, the Board will call Docket Item Number 3. A petition from
- 15 CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) Modification of the Nora Coal Bed Gas Field Rules; and (2)
- An administrative order providing that additional wells may be issued in the Nora Coal Bed Gas
- Field. Docket Number VGOB-89-0126-0009-91. All parties wishing to testify please come
- 18 forward.
- 19 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.
- 20 **Bradley Lambert:** Good morning.
- 21 Mark Swartz: I think, Mr. Cooper talked to us about this before the hearing, today. I think
- 22 EnerVest was here in, maybe, January, on the Nora. We filed this as a belt and suspenders
- 23 move, to make sure that these units were covered, but I understand that the order, which we just
- 24 got, covered this, so Docket Item 3, we really don't need to do. I think you did a blanket.
- 25 **Bradley Lambert:** My question was going to be, why is this on the docket? We've already
- done this.
- 27 **Mark Swartz:** Right.
- 28 **Anita Duty:** I think, at the time we filed it, we didn't have the order. I had to actually ask for
- 29 the order, not that it didn't exist.
- 30 **Bradley Lambert:** Okay.

- 1 Anita Duty: We just wanted to make sure.
- 2 **Bradley Lambert:** So, I guess as far as the Board's concerned, we've already approved this.
- 3 Mark Swartz: It's already taken care of. We don't need the relief that we asked for.
- 4 **Bradley Lambert:** Do you all remember when we did this?
- 5 **Bill Harris:** I don't think I was here for that meeting, actually.
- 6 **Bradley Lambert:** Okay. So, we'll just move on.
- 7 Mark Swartz: Absolutely.

8 <u>Item Number 4</u>

- 9 **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 4. A petition from CNX Gas Company,
- 10 LLC, for re-pooling under Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field I. This is Docket Number
- 11 VGOB-01-0515-0889-02. All parties wishing to testify please come forward.
- 12 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.
- 13 **Sarah Gilmer:** Ms. Duty, do you swear and affirm that your testimony is the truth, the whole
- truth and nothing but the truth?
- 15 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 16 **Bradley Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Swartz.
- 17 Mark Swartz: Thank you. Anita, would you state your name for us, please?
- 18 **Anita Duty:** Anita Duty.
- 19 **Mark Swartz:** Who do you work for?
- 20 Anita Duty: CNX Land, LLC.
- 21 Mark Swartz: Are you here on behalf of CNX Gas Company, LLC, today?
- 22 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 23 Mark Swartz: And, CNX Gas Company is both the applicant and the designated operator.
- 24 Correct?
- 25 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 26 **Mark Swartz:** This is a re-pooling?

- 1 Anita Duty: It is.
- 2 <u>Mark Swartz:</u> The reason for the re-pooling is what?
- Anita Duty: There was, originally, an interest that we had pooled, that was covered by a farm-
- 4 out agreement with EQT. That expired before the well was drilled, so we need to come back and
- 5 pool that interest of LBR Holdings.
- 6 Mark Swartz: So, the lease that was subject to the farm-out, expired?
- 7 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 8 Mark Swartz: So, we're pooling the folks that you've listed in the notice and in the application.
- 9 Correct?
- 10 **Anita Duty:** The lease is still valid. Our farm-out is just no longer.
- 11 Mark Swartz: Oh, the lease is valid. Okay. Gotcha.
- 12 **Anita Duty:** Because the lease is with EQT.
- 13 Mark Swartz: Correct. I understand. We're no longer an indirect party to that lease because
- the farm-out expired.
- 15 Anita Duty: Correct.
- 16 Mark Swartz: Okay. Do you want to add any people to the folks that you've listed in your
- 17 application and your notice, or is that everybody we need to deal with, today?
- 18 **Anita Duty:** That's everybody.
- 19 Mark Swartz: You don't want to dismiss any of those folks. Correct?
- 20 Anita Duty: No.
- 21 Mark Swartz: What did you do to tell people we were going to have this hearing, today?
- 22 Anita Duty: Mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, on January 19, 2017. Published
- 23 the notice and location map in the Bluefield Daily Telegraph on January 24, 2017.
- 24 Mark Swartz: And, it looks like there are two wells in this unit. Correct?
- 25 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 26 Mark Swartz: Have people previously had their participation rights?
- 27 **Anita Duty:** Yes.

- 1 Mark Swartz: So, the only thing is to square away the direct relationship, as opposed to the
- 2 farm-out relationship?
- 3 Anita Duty: Correct.
- 4 Mark Swartz: Have you provided the Board with a revised Exhibit E and EE, to reflect that?
- 5 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 6 Mark Swartz: That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
- 7 **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Do I have a motion?
- 8 Mary Quillen: Motion to approve.
- 9 **Bill Harris:** Second.
- 10 **Bradley Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? [No
- response] All in favor signify by saying yes.
- 12 **Board:** Yes.
- 13 **Bradley Lambert:** Opposed no. [No response] Thank you, Mr. Swartz. That is approved.
- 14 Mark Swartz: Thank you.
- 15 <u>Item Number 5</u>
- 16 **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 5. A petition from CNX Gas Company,
- 17 LLC, for re-pooling under Nora Coalbed Methane Gas Field I. Docket Number VGOB-06-
- 18 0620-1651-01. All parties wishing to testify please come forward.
- 19 **Mark Swartz:** Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.
- 20 **Bradley Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Swartz.
- 21 Mark Swartz: Anita, would you state your name for us, again?
- 22 **Anita Duty:** Anita Duty.
- 23 Mark Swartz: Who do you work for?
- 24 **Anita Duty:** CNX Land, LLC.
- 25 Mark Swartz: Are you here on behalf of the applicant, CNX Gas Company, LLC, today?
- 26 **Anita Duty:** Yes.

- 1 Mark Swartz: And, this is a re-pooling?
- 2 **Anita Duty:** It is.
- 3 Mark Swartz: And, it's in the Nora Field, Unit I106. Right?
- 4 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 5 Mark Swartz: Why are we here, today, on this one?
- 6 Anita Duty: Actually, the unit size changed whenever they reconfigured between Middle Ridge
- 7 and Nora. They were overlapping each other and that unit is a little bit smaller than it used to be.
- 8 So, we're re-allocating the unit.
- 9 Mark Swartz: So, the unit is now a 61.43-acre unit, when it was re-mapped?
- 10 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 11 Mark Swartz: That, obviously, is going to change some of the percentages.
- 12 Anita Duty: Yes, everybody's.
- 13 Mark Swartz: Everybody's?
- 14 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 15 Mark Swartz: If we're looking at the plat, here, there is a well within the drilling window on
- the eastern boundary, about a third of the way down. Then, there's a well in the bottom of the
- unit, outside of the window, sort of in the center, from left to right, of the unit. Right?
- 18 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 19 Mark Swartz: Since we're re-allocating the percentages, I guess we're going to give everybody
- another shot at participating. Right? Is the only reason that the boundaries of the unit changed
- because it's on the intersection of two fields? Is that the only reason we're here, today?
- 22 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 23 Mark Swartz: So, it's just a mapping issue?
- 24 **Anita Duty:** It is.
- 25 Mark Swartz: Have you provided an updated tract identification page and an updated plat, to
- 26 reflect that?
- 27 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 28 **Mark Swartz:** Also, updated and revised Exhibits E and EE?

- 1 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 2 Mark Swartz: Let me see if there's anything else, here. I believe that's all I have, Mr.
- 3 Chairman.
- 4 **Bradley Lambert:** Ms. Duty, when was this re-mapped?
- 5 **Anita Duty:** It wasn't that it was re-mapped. This was back when Bob Wilson was still here.
- 6 We're just now up in that area, so I don't exactly know.
- 7 **Rick Cooper:** Mr. Chairman, I may help the Board. I think this was in 2007 or 2008. When
- 8 they actually started re-aligning the fields, they noticed that where the fields came up together,
- 9 that there was a gap. The Board had directed that, when disbursements came forward, to re-align
- these units, to fill that gap along where the two fields went together. Because of the curvature of
- the earth, they didn't actually fit, side-by-side. It was either 2007 or 2008. I think there's like 12
- or 14 of these units along that edge will have all the acreage changed. The Board had directed,
- when they come forth, to address that issue.
- 14 **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** We used to talk about make-up units. Are these?
- 15 **Rick Cooper:** This is the way they're making units up, right here. The acreages are changing,
- on that.
- 17 **Bradley Lambert:** So, this unit decreased?
- 18 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 19 Mark Swartz: If you look at Item Number 3, which we didn't need to have, there are some
- 20 maps attached to that, that sort of illustrate what I think we're talking about.
- 21 **Bill Harris:** Actually, the last page here has....
- 22 <u>Mark Swartz:</u> For example, the map...
- 23 **Bradley Lambert:** Page 7 of 7, on Docket Item 3 shows that.
- 24 Mark Swartz: Page 5 shows four units. The one on the right is considerably larger. That's
- approaching 100 acres, if I'm not mistaken. Then, if you look at the next map, you've got the
- overlap, there, above it and a unit that's a little wider. I106 is the last one. You can see the road
- 27 there that, sort of, expanded, if you compare it to what's above and what's below. So, that's the
- 28 intersection issue that was addressed.
- 29 **Anita Duty:** There was actually an order created that had the metes and bounds description of
- where the fields end.

- **Bradley Lambert:** So, this is going to change the percentages and I don't have an Exhibit E.
- 2 Does anybody else? For 5. Does anybody else have those exhibits?
- **Rick Cooper:** What exhibit are you looking for, Mr. Chairman?
- **Bradley Lambert:** Ms. Duty testified that, Exhibit E, the percentages would change.
- 5 Anita Duty: There's no E or EE. He asked me if we had revised the E and EE and I said, "Yes,"
- 6 but after I answered that, I realized there wasn't one. There's only a B3.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Okay.
- **Anita Duty:** Sorry.
- **Bradley Lambert:** I have B3. I don't have E's.
- **Anita Duty:** There's not any, E or EE.
- **Paul Kugelman:** Because there's nothing to escrow?
- **Anita Duty:** Right.
- **Paul Kugelman:** Okay.
- 14 Mary Quillen: So, the acres on this is the 16.38.
- **Bradley Lambert:** This unit, now has changed to 61.43.
- Anita Duty: It was, previously, a 70.04-acre unit. Now, it's 61.43. The acreage that we're
- pooling, now, is 16.38.
- 18 Mary Quillen: Okay. So, it's not the whole thing.
- **Anita Duty:** It's just one-third of those tracts, one-third of Tract 1C.
- 20 Mary Quillen: Okay. Gotcha.
- **Anita Duty:** Now, Eagle Coal Corporation is the only unleased party.
- **Mary Quillen:** Okay.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Any other questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr.
- 24 Swartz?
- 25 Mark Swartz: No.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- **Mary Quillen:** Motion to approve.

- 1 Bill Harris: Second.
- 2 **Bradley Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All in
- 3 favor signify by saying yes.
- 4 **Board:** Yes.
- 5 **Bradley Lambert:** Opposed no. [No response] Thank you, Mr. Swartz. That one is approved.

6 <u>Item Number 6</u>

- 7 **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 6. A petition from CNX Gas Company,
- 8 LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow
- 9 Agent, attributable to Tract 3B, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to
- begin paying royalties directly to the parties listed in the petition; (3) Dismissal of Coal Owner.
- 11 This is Docket Number VGOB-00-0321-0782-04. All parties wishing to testify please come
- 12 forward.
- 13 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.
- 14 **Bradley Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Swartz.
- 15 Mark Swartz: Anita, would you state your name for us, again?
- 16 **Anita Duty:** Anita Duty.
- 17 Mark Swartz: And, you're here on behalf of CNX Gas Company, LLC?
- 18 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 19 **Mark Swartz:** And, this pertains to Drilling Unit R44?
- 20 **Anita Duty:** It does.
- 21 Mark Swartz: And, it's a request, or petition, for disbursement?
- 22 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 23 Mark Swartz: And, the reasons why you are requesting this is we have a claimant, under House
- 24 Bill 2058. Right?
- 25 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 26 Mark Swartz: We need to dismiss some coal claimants and is that the only reason?
- 27 **Anita Duty:** It is.

- 1 Mark Swartz: Okay. Have you prepared a Table 1?
- 2 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 3 Mark Swartz: That is at Page 6, of the PDF. It involves one tract, 3B. Correct?
- 4 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 5 Mark Swartz: And, you're requesting that Coal Mountain Mining Company, and you've
- 6 provided their address, be paid 23.3805% of the balance in the escrow account, at the time the
- 7 disbursement is made?
- 8 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 9 Mark Swartz: You've provided the names of the wells that have been contributing to this
- 10 account?
- 11 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 12 Mark Swartz: You've updated the Exhibit E, escrow requirement, and the payment going
- forward exhibit, which is EE. Correct?
- 14 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 15 Mark Swartz: It looks like we have some issues with Exhibit J, which I assume, is why we're
- 16 here.
- 17 Anita Duty: It was submitted to where it would go on a docket. It really didn't need to be.
- 18 Mark Swartz: Okay. I guess where I'm coming from, then, on Exhibit J, were you able to
- 19 locate the deposit for all of your checks, ultimately?
- 20 Anita Duty: No.
- 21 Mark Swartz: Okay, but you're under \$500?
- 22 **Anita Duty:** Right.
- 23 Mark Swartz: So, you highlighted the issues that we have. Correct?
- 24 **Anita Duty:** We have.
- 25 Mark Swartz: Then, you've done your math, to determine whether you're north or south of the
- 26 \$500 cut-off.
- 27 **Anita Duty:** Yes.

- 1 Mark Swartz: What is the difference between your balance you calculated and the bank's
- 2 balance, in January?
- 3 **Anita Duty:** First Bank and Trust has \$87.60 more.
- 4 Mark Swartz: You've got proof of mailing to a coal owner. Correct?
- 5 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 6 Mark Swartz: That's the James McGuire Land Trust. You did not get a response from them?
- 7 **Anita Duty:** Right.
- 8 Mark Swartz: And, we want to dismiss them.
- 9 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 10 Mark Swartz: You've got certification of notice to them. I think that's all I have, Mr.
- 11 Chairman.
- 12 **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Do I have a motion?
- 13 Mary Quillen: Motion to approve.
- 14 **Bill Harris:** Second.
- 15 **Bradley Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? [No
- response] All in favor signify by saying yes.
- 17 **Board:** Yes.
- 18 **Bradley Lambert:** Opposed no. [No response] Thank you, Mr. Swartz. That one is approved.
- 19 Item Number 7
- 20 **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 7. A petition from CNX Gas Company,
- 21 LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow
- Agent, attributable to Tract 1D, as depicted upon the annexed table; (2) authorization to begin
- paying royalties directly to the parties listed in the petition; (3) Dismissal of Coal Owner.
- Docket Number VGOB-98-0324-0632-03. All parties wishing to testify please come forward.
- 25 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.
- 26 **Bradley Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Swartz.
- 27 **Mark Swartz:** Anita, what's your name?

- 1 Anita Duty: Anita Duty.
- 2 Mark Swartz: Who do you work for?
- 3 Anita Duty: CNX Land, LLC.
- 4 Mark Swartz: And, you're here on behalf of the petitioner, CNX Gas Company, LLC. Right?
- 5 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 6 Mark Swartz: This petition pertains to W37?
- 7 **Anita Duty:** It does.
- 8 **Mark Swartz:** It's another petition for disbursement from escrow?
- 9 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 10 Mark Swartz: The reasons we're asking for a disbursement: We have a royalty split agreement
- and we have some...
- 12 **Anita Duty:** I think it's just a royalty split agreement.
- 13 Mark Swartz: Let me see if we've given any coal notice. Let's go back, then, to Table 1, which
- is Page 6 of the PDF. Right?
- 15 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 16 Mark Swartz: And, this is a split agreement, obviously. A 50/50 split agreement?
- 17 **Anita Duty:** It is.
- 18 Mark Swartz: Are you requesting an order, authorizing the Escrow Agent to pay Hurt McGuire
- Land Trust and CNX Gas Company? And, you've provided addresses, each .0894% of the
- balance on hand in the escrow account, with regard to this unit, at the time the disbursement is
- 21 made?
- 22 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 23 Mark Swartz: Have you updated Exhibits E and EE?
- 24 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 25 Mark Swartz: Then, again, we've got some issues on Exhibit J. Right?
- 26 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 27 Mark Swartz: Have you highlighted those, the problems you had?

- 1 **Anita Duty:** Yes, we have.
- 2 Mark Swartz: And, I take it, you have not been able to resolve them?
- 3 Anita Duty: No.
- 4 Mark Swartz: When you did your calculation, with regard to the difference between the
- 5 balance that you calculated and the balance on hand, on January 31, 2017, that the bank had,
- 6 what was the difference?
- 7 Anita Duty: The bank was showing \$734.85 less.
- 8 Mark Swartz: There was one correction that was made, but it did not fix that difference?
- 9 **Anita Duty:** Right.
- 10 Mark Swartz: And, you've noted that correction at Page 14?
- 11 **Anita Duty:** We have.
- 12 Mark Swartz: Then, we've got one of these affidavits, where Hurt McGuire is not dismissed, to
- the extent they have split agreements?
- 14 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 15 Mark Swartz: As a coal owner. But, to the extent that they do not have split agreements, they
- are being dismissed?
- 17 Anita Duty: Correct.
- 18 Mark Swartz: And, we've got proof of notice, to them and Consolidation Coal, CNX, just
- 19 accepted their hand delivery. Right?
- 20 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 21 Mark Swartz: That's all I have.
- 22 **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Do I have a motion?
- 23 <u>Mary Quillen:</u> Motion to approve.
- 24 **Bill Harris:** I'll second that.
- 25 **Bradley Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? [No
- response All in favor signify by saying yes.
- 27 **Board:** Yes.

1 **Bradley Lambert:** Opposed no. [No response] Thank you, Mr. Swartz. That one is approved.

<u>Item Numbers 8, 9, 10, and 11</u>

- 3 **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 8. A petition from CNX Gas Company,
- 4 LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow
- 5 Agent, attributable to a portion of Tract 2, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2)
- 6 authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties listed in the petition. Docket
- 7 Number VGOB-96-0116-0533-04. All parties wishing to testify please come forward.
- 8 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.
- 9 **Bradley Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Swartz.
- 10 Mark Swartz: Number 8 involves the same people and the same declaratory judgment order, as
- in 9, 10, and 11. We might put those together. On 12, we have some extra people, though. If
- you could, maybe, combine 8, 9, 10, and 11.
- 13 **Bradley Lambert:** Sure. We're calling Docket Item Number 9. A petition from CNX Gas
- 14 Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the
- Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to a portion of Tract 3, as depicted upon the annexed table;
- and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties listed in the petition.
- Docket Number VGOB-99-0720-0729-04. We're calling Docket Item Number 10. A petition
- from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited
- with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to a portion of Tract 1, as depicted upon the annexed
- 20 table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties listed in the petition.
- 21 Docket Number VGOB-99-0720-0730-04. We're also calling Docket Item Number 11. A
- petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore
- 23 deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to a portion of Tract 3, as depicted upon
- 24 the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties listed in
- 25 the petition. Docket Number VGOB-99-0922-0747-04. You may proceed, Mr. Swartz.
- 26 Mark Swartz: Thank you. Anita, state your name for us, please.
- 27 **Anita Duty:** Anita Duty.
- 28 Mark Swartz: Remind us who you work for.
- 29 **Anita Duty:** CNX Land, LLC.
- 30 Mark Swartz: We are here, again, on behalf of the petitioner, CNX Gas Company, LLC.
- 31 Right?

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32 Anita Duty: Yes.

- 1 Mark Swartz: These four consolidated cases, the reason that we're here is because the people
- 2 involved in Docket Items 8, 9, 10, and 11 are the same?
- 3 **Anita Duty:** They are.
- 4 Mark Swartz: And, we're seeking to get them paid under a corrected declaratory judgment, in
- 5 Case Number CL15-361. Right?
- 6 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 7 Mark Swartz: And, you've attached a copy of the judgment?
- 8 **Anita Duty:** We have.
- 9 Mark Swartz: That same judgment applies to all four of these cases?
- 10 **Anita Duty:** It does.
- 11 Mark Swartz: All four of these cases involve units that were, originally, pooled as frack units?
- 12 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 13 Mark Swartz: Then, at some point, they were subsumed into the Buchanan Number 1 Mine,
- Sealed Gob Unit 2?
- 15 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 16 Mark Swartz: And, at some point, the revenue, with regard to these four units, went from being
- original frack units, and went into the Sealed Gob?
- 18 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 19 Mark Swartz: And, the disbursements that we're seeking are actually from the original frack
- 20 units?
- 21 **Anita Duty:** They are.
- 22 Mark Swartz: We have provided a Table 1, for each of these cases?
- 23 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 24 Mark Swartz: Let's find the first one, here, Page 5, with regard to Item Number 8. You've
- 25 listed seven people?
- 26 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 27 Mark Swartz: Are these the same seven people that are going to receive payments in each of
- these four units?

- 1 Anita Duty: It is.
- 2 Mark Swartz: In each of the units, have you provided a Table 1?
- 3 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 4 Mark Swartz: And, all of the Table 1's list these same folks?
- 5 **Anita Duty:** It does.
- 6 Mark Swartz: Have you provided, in the second column from the right-hand side, in each of
- 7 the tables, a percentage that the Escrow Agent should use to calculate the amount payable to
- 8 each of the people you've identified?
- 9 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 10 Mark Swartz: And, what the Escrow Agent should be directed to do is take that percentage in
- the second column from the right-hand side, with regard to each of these four units, and multiply
- that percentage times the balance on hand and that will generate the dollar amount of the check?
- 13 **Anita Duty:** It will.
- 14 Mark Swartz: Then, in each of these four units, have you provided the Board with an updated
- Exhibit E and an updated Exhibit EE?
- 16 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 17 Mark Swartz: Okay. With Item Number 8, you've got an Exhibit J, with some issues that you
- 18 highlighted. Correct?
- 19 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 20 Mark Swartz: And, you were unable to resolve those issues?
- 21 **Anita Duty:** Correct.
- 22 Mark Swartz: When you did your reconciliation of the amounts, there was a difference in what
- 23 amount?
- Anita Duty: First Bank and Trust had \$87.60 more. Wait. \$349.07 more.
- 25 Mark Swartz: Okay. I think I said earlier, you've given us a copy of the corrected declaratory
- 26 judgment?
- 27 **Anita Duty:** Yes.

- 1 Mark Swartz: Let's go to the next one, which would be Item Number 9. Did you prepare an
- 2 Exhibit J, with regard to Docket Item Number 9?
- 3 **Anita Duty:** I did.
- 4 Mark Swartz: It looks like that did not have any checks that you couldn't find deposits for. It
- 5 looks like that was pretty straight-forward.
- 6 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 7 Mark Swartz: Did you do a calculation, at the end, then, to compare the balance that you came
- 8 up with, to the bank's balance?
- 9 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 10 **Mark Swartz:** What was the difference?
- Anita Duty: First Bank and Trust has \$29.91 more than our calculation.
- 12 Mark Swartz: Okay. We've got a copy of the same judgment. That's all I have on 9. Let's
- move to 10. You did an Exhibit J, in 10. Right?
- 14 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 15 Mark Swartz: It looks like you were able to identify a deposit for every check?
- 16 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 17 Mark Swartz: And, you made your calculation, to compare your balance to the bank balance
- and what was the difference?
- 19 **Anita Duty:** The bank is showing \$75.82 more.
- 20 Mark Swartz: Okay. On the last one, we need to take a look at Exhibit J, for Item Number 11.
- Let's go through that. It looks like you were able to find a deposit for every check?
- 22 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 23 Mark Swartz: When you did your math to calculate a total and compared that to the First Bank
- and Trust balance at the end of January, was there a difference?
- 25 **Anita Duty:** First Bank and Trust is showing \$94.64 more.
- 26 Mark Swartz: That's all I have, on those four, Mr. Chairman.
- 27 **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board?
- 28 **Donnie Ratliff:** Mr. Chairman.

- 1 **Bradley Lambert:** Mr. Ratliff.
- 2 **Donnie Ratliff:** On Docket Item Number 8, help me find a well, on the plat.
- 3 Mark Swartz: We probably won't be able to help you because I'm assuming that, if it was there,
- 4 you would have found it, but we'll look.
- 5 **Anita Duty:** Those plats are really old because that's from the original.
- 6 Mark Swartz: Let's take a look and see what we've got.
- 7 Anita Duty: There's no well shown on that plat. What we're saying is the production is coming
- 8 from V31A, but it would have also included any panel production, at the time. So, at the time
- 9 we pooled that, we may have just had panel producing, there.
- 10 Mark Swartz: Does that make sense or do we need to...?
- 11 **Bradley Lambert:** I guess that makes sense, but I guess my question was would you be able to
- supply us with an updated plat, showing the wells?
- 13 Mark Swartz: Sure. The problem is that it's possible that there never was a well in this unit, if
- it was panel production.
- 15 **Rick Cooper:** So, Mr. Chairman, I believe I can help that. There is no well drilled in that
- 16 particular unit.
- 17 **Anita Duty:** Thank you.
- 18 **Rick Cooper:** You're welcome. You had one permitted, but it expired and was never drilled.
- 19 Mark Swartz: That's why I asked, a moment ago, if you needed an explanation. These units
- are in a mine area, from a Gob. Originally, a bunch of the units in mine areas were produced as
- 21 panel production, from a panel. There may not have been a well in some of those units when it
- 22 gobbed. So, there is production allocated on a panel-basis. They were pooled, as panels. So,
- you would have some pieces of units in long wall panels that were receiving allocated production
- from wells in other units, covered by that panel. So, there was actually a pooling of a panel.
- 25 Mary Quillen: So, those panels cross over.
- 26 Mark Swartz: Right.
- 27 **Mary Quillen:** Between more than one unit.
- 28 Mark Swartz: Correct. It would be a long wall panel that would go for some great distance.
- 29 **Mary Quillen:** Right.

- 1 Mark Swartz: There was a period of time when we were pooling those panels. We pool them
- as a production unit. Eventually, then, in the Sealed Gob, the unit got subsumed into that. So,
- 3 there's not a well in this unit, although it had production that was allocated to it, as part of a panel
- 4 unit, from other wells located in other units in that panel.
- 5 Mary Quillen: So, those owners in that particular unit, even though there's not a well there,
- 6 whatever their percentage is, is part of this panel, the production that's coming off of this panel.
- 7 Is that correct?
- 8 **Mark Swartz:** Right.
- 9 Mary Quillen: Okay.
- 10 Mark Swartz: You calculated the acreage in the panel and the units to get the dollars and cents
- that went to the particular units.
- 12 **Mary Quillen:** That makes sense.
- 13 Mark Swartz: It's the same calculation, looking for the acreage and attributing the production,
- based on the acreage. We could give you another plat, but it wouldn't have a well.
- 15 **Bradley Lambert:** Any other questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr.
- 16 Swartz?
- 17 Mark Swartz: No.
- 18 **Bradley Lambert:** Do I have a motion, on Docket Items 8, 9, 10, and 11?
- 19 Mary Quillen: Motion to approve 8, 9, 10, and 11.
- 20 **Bill Harris:** I'll second that.
- 21 **Bradley Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? [No
- response All in favor signify by saying yes.
- 23 **Board:** Yes.
- 24 **Bradley Lambert:** Opposed no. [No response] Thank you, Mr. Swartz. Those are approved.
- 25 Mark Swartz: Thank you.

26 <u>Item Number 12</u>

- 27 **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 12. A petition from CNX Gas
- Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the
- 29 Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tracts 11, 34, 38 & 45, as depicted upon the annexed

- table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties listed in the petition.
- 2 This is Docket Number VGOB-02-0319-1008-07. All parties wishing to testify please come
- 3 forward.
- 4 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.
- 5 **Bradley Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Swartz.
- 6 Mark Swartz: Anita, you need to give us your name, again.
- 7 **Anita Duty:** Anita Duty.
- 8 Mark Swartz: And, you're here on behalf of the applicant, or petitioner. Correct?
- 9 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 10 Mark Swartz: And, this is a petition for disbursement, again, with regard to VP2 Sealed Gob
- 11 Unit 1. Right?
- 12 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 13 Mark Swartz: We see the same folks that we saw in 8-11, under declaratory judgment. Right?
- 14 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 15 Mark Swartz: But, we also see a couple of additional people that are gas claimants, under the
- 16 Act?
- 17 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 18 Mark Swartz: And, so, we're seeking a disbursement to them, as well. It looks like we may
- 19 have noticed some coal owners, too, but we'll eventually get to that. Have you prepared a Table
- 20 1?
- 21 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 22 Mark Swartz: In Table 1, which is a couple of pages, have you listed the tracts, the tracts that
- are affected by the disbursement request?
- 24 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 25 Mark Swartz: For each person or company that you propose to get a disbursement, have you
- 26 given a name and an address for each person or company?
- 27 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 28 Mark Swartz: And, this is a percentage disbursement?

- 1 Anita Duty: It is.
- 2 Mark Swartz: And, so, in the second column from the right-hand side, with regard to
- 3 everybody that we're seeking to get paid, have you given a percentage in that column, second
- 4 from the right?
- 5 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 6 Mark Swartz: And, the Escrow Agent should be directed to use that percentage for each person
- 7 or company, multiply it times the balance on hand when the disbursement is being made and that
- 8 will generate the correct dollar amount?
- 9 **Anita Duty:** It will.
- 10 Mark Swartz: Okay. Then, at the end of the second page of Table 2, you've given a pretty
- significant list of the wells in the Sealed Gob unit?
- 12 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 13 <u>Mark Swartz:</u> Okay. Have you provided updated Exhibits E and EE?
- 14 **Anita Duty:** We have.
- 15 Mark Swartz: Then, we've got an Exhibit J. Correct?
- 16 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 17 **Mark Swartz:** We had some issues on Exhibit J, that you highlighted?
- 18 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 19 Mark Swartz: Instances where you cut checks and you can't find corresponding deposits.
- 20 **Anita Duty:** Correct.
- 21 Mark Swartz: Some of them are closed and some of them aren't there.
- 22 **Anita Duty:** Right.
- 23 Mark Swartz: At the end, have you made a calculation of what your checks and disbursements,
- the balance that that would generate?
- 25 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 26 Mark Swartz: Then, you looked at the October 2016 First Bank and Trust balance, which was
- 27 your point of comparison, and when you compared that, was there a difference?
- 28 **Anita Duty:** The bank is showing \$343.75 less.

- 1 Mark Swartz: Again, we're seeing the same amended judgment. Right?
- 2 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 3 Mark Swartz: It does not look like we've got any coal owner dismissals. Correct? We may
- 4 have done it, before.
- 5 **Anita Duty:** It should be.
- 6 Mark Swartz: You're showing that you actually gave notice to a collection of coal owners and
- 7 it didn't get in the PDF that I'm looking at. Do you guys have it on file? It looks like we've got
- 8 an affidavit here.
- 9 **Anita Duty:** That's not the same one.
- 10 **Sarah Gilmer:** There is a....
- 11 Mark Swartz: You do? What coal owners did we notice?
- 12 **Sarah Gilmer:** Hold on. Let me pull it up. It's slow.
- 13 Mark Swartz: Maybe, we can look at the plat.
- 14 Anita Duty: Torch.
- 15 **Mark Swartz:** Is it Torch, or no?
- 16 **Sarah Gilmer:** I think, actually, what I saw was just the gas owners.
- 17 **Anita Duty:** So, we need to upload the coal affidavit.
- 18 Mark Swartz: We need to upload the coal affidavits. We don't currently have those available.
- 19 **Bradley Lambert:** You don't have it in your relief sought, either, in your petitions.
- 20 Mark Swartz: We asked for it, but we didn't.... If you look at the reason section...
- 21 **Bradley Lambert:** That's what I'm looking at.
- 22 Mark Swartz: We say that we're seeking, that we gave them notice, but we haven't attached
- that. We don't have that.
- 24 **Bradley Lambert:** None of that's attached.
- 25 Mark Swartz: I guess what I would suggest is let's just...
- 26 **Sarah Gilmer:** There is a coal affidavit that was submitted with the 05.
- 27 **Anita Duty:** That's what I'm thinking.

- 1 **Rick Cooper:** There is. It's 05.
- 2 Mark Swartz: The reason we didn't do it.... This is one of those things, we've been here seven
- 3 times?
- 4 **Anita Duty:** Yes. This is the seventh.
- 5 Mark Swartz: The seventh trip. The coal owners were dismissed on the fifth trip.
- 6 **Paul Kugelman:** So, they've been previously dismissed?
- 7 Mark Swartz: Correct.
- 8 **Rick Cooper:** And, we have that on file.
- 9 Mark Swartz: It's on file. I was concerned that we needed to give them notice. Since they've
- already been dismissed, we don't need to. Otherwise, we would have had to continue this. So, I
- think we can go ahead, based on the previous dismissal in the 05 petition. We can go ahead and
- pay these people, the gas claimants.
- Paul Kugelman: Just for the clarity of the record, is there a designation? Is it the same Docket
- 14 Number?
- 15 Mark Swartz: Right. It's just an 05, at the end.
- 16 **Sarah Gilmer:** It is.
- 17 **Paul Kugelman:** Okay.
- 18 **Sarah Gilmer:** We can, actually, pull it through if you want us to pull it.
- 19 **Bradley Lambert:** When were those...? When was that one done?
- 20 **Sarah Gilmer:** They were received by the coal company in November 2015. They were signed
- 21 for.
- 22 **Bradley Lambert:** We're good to go. We're okay. We're good to go.
- 23 Mark Swartz: We need to be sure that happened. Otherwise, you know, because we have to
- show notice.
- 25 **Bradley Lambert:** Right. No need to make it more complicated. We're good to go.
- 26 Mark Swartz: Let's get these people paid. We're done.
- 27 **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Do I have a motion?
- 28 **Mary Quillen:** Motion to approve.

- 1 <u>Bill Harris:</u> Second.
- 2 **Bradley Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? [No
- 3 response] All in favor signify by saying yes.
- 4 **Board:** Yes.
- 5 **Bradley Lambert:** Opposed no. [No response] That one is approved, Mr. Swartz. Thank you.
- 6 **Mark Swartz:** Thank you.

7 Item Number 13

- 8 **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 13. A petition from CNX Gas
- 9 Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the
- 10 Board's Escrow Agent attributable to a portion of Tract 4, as depicted upon the annexed table;
- and (2) authorization to being paying royalties directly to the parties listed in the petition.
- Docket Number VGOB-02-0416-1024-03. All parties wishing to testify please come forward.
- 13 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.
- 14 **Bradley Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Swartz.
- 15 **Mark Swartz:** Thank you. Anita, state your name for us, again.
- 16 **Anita Duty:** Anita Duty.
- Mark Swartz: And, you're here today, on behalf of the petitioner, CNX Gas Company, LLC?
- 18 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 19 Mark Swartz: It's a request for a disbursement from the escrow account, pertaining to BA111.
- 20 Right?
- 21 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 22 Mark Swartz: The reason, here, is pretty straight-forward. We've got a split agreement.
- 23 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 24 Mark Swartz: Did you prepare a Table 1, consistent with that split agreement?
- 25 **Anita Duty:** We did.
- 26 **Mark Swartz:** And, it's a 50/50 split, obviously?
- 27 Anita Duty: Yes.

- 1 Mark Swartz: And, the Escrow Agent should be directed to pay 16.6680% of the escrow
- 2 account balance, when the checks are cut, to Allen Dye and you've given an address, and
- 3 Buckhorn Coal Company and you've given an address. Right?
- 4 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 5 Mark Swartz: And, you've given us an updated Exhibit E and an updated Exhibit EE. Right?
- 6 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 7 Mark Swartz: Turning to the Exhibit J, we've got some differences that you have highlighted
- 8 and, I assume, you've been unable to resolve those issues?
- 9 **Anita Duty:** Correct.
- 10 Mark Swartz: Again, the stuff that's colored, those are issues you identified, but resolved?
- 11 **Anita Duty:** Correct.
- 12 Mark Swartz: Did you, then, do the math to calculate what you thought should be on deposit?
- 13 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 14 Mark Swartz: Compare that to the January 2017 First Bank and Trust balance and did you find
- a difference?
- Anita Duty: The bank is showing \$23.45 less than our calculation.
- 17 Mark Swartz: It looks like you've attached a copy of the split agreement. Yes. That's all I
- 18 have.
- 19 **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Do I have a motion?
- 20 <u>Mary Quillen:</u> Motion to approve.
- 21 **Bill Harris:** Second.
- 22 **Bradley Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? [No
- 23 response] All in favor signify by saying yes.
- 24 **Board:** Yes.
- 25 **Bradley Lambert:** Opposed no. [No response] Thank you, Mr. Swartz. That one is approved.

<u>Item Number 14</u>

- 2 **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 14. Docket Item 14 has a party, Loeita
- 3 Lambert. The Chairman doesn't know Loeita Lambert, but to be on the safe side, I'll recuse
- 4 myself and ask Ms. Quillen, would you please take this one?
- 5 Mary Quillen: Item Number 14. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) the
- 6 disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent,
- 7 attributable to a portion of Tracts 1A, 1C, 1D, and 1E, as depicted upon the annexed table; and
- 8 (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the claimants listed in the petition. Unit
- 9 Number AY100. Docket Item VGOB-02-1217-1104-03. All those wishing to speak to this item,
- 10 please come forward.
- 11 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty. Anita, do you want to give us your name, again?
- 12 **Anita Duty:** Anita Duty.
- 13 Mark Swartz: Are you here on behalf of CNX Gas Company, LLC, with regard to this
- 14 petition?

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- 15 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 16 Mark Swartz: And, this is another request for disbursement from escrow, pertaining in this
- instance, to AY100?
- 18 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 19 Mark Swartz: The reason for the request, here, is we've got a split agreement and we have
- 20 some gas claimants?
- 21 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 22 Mark Swartz: You've given notice to Harrison-Wyatt. Right?
- 23 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 24 Mark Swartz: So, we're talking split agreements and gas claimants. Right?
- 25 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 26 **Mark Swartz:** Have you provided or prepared a Table 1?
- 27 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 28 Mark Swartz: Table 1 pertains to Tracts 1A, 1D, and 1E. Correct?
- 29 **Anita Duty:** And 1C.

- 1 Mark Swartz: Sorry. 1A, 1C, 1D, and 1E?
- 2 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 3 Mark Swartz: Okay. For each person or company that you're proposing receive a
- 4 disbursement, you've given the name and an address. Right?
- 5 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 6 Mark Swartz: And, the Escrow Agent should be directed to use the percentage stated for each
- 7 person or company in the second column from the right-hand side, multiply that percentage
- 8 times the balance on hand at the time the disbursements are being made and that will generate
- 9 the dollar amount that should be used?
- 10 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 11 Mark Swartz: Okay. You've identified the wells that contributed to the escrow. You've given
- us an updated Exhibit E and EE. Correct?
- 13 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 14 **Mark Swartz:** And, you've done an Exhibit J?
- 15 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 16 Mark Swartz: Once again, we see some highlighting, showing issues that you were unable to
- 17 resolve?
- 18 **Anita Duty:** Correct.
- 19 Mark Swartz: And some brackets, showing issues that you were able to resolve.
- 20 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 21 Mark Swartz: It looks like there was one correction made and you've noted that, on the last
- 22 page?
- 23 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 24 Mark Swartz: Nevertheless, when you did your calculation and compared it to the bank's
- balance, as of January 2017, there was a difference. Right?
- Anita Duty: First Bank and Trust had \$72.70 more. Mine's actually showing the correction of
- 27 the \$478.10 from March.
- 28 **Sarah Gilmer:** There's a revised J, in our system.

- 1 **Rick Cooper:** So, what happened, we transferred that money. It was incorrectly deposited. It
- 2 was 1140 and 1104, so we transferred the money out on March 30, into the correct account, to
- 3 get the reconciliation correct. Then, you uploaded the corrected J.
- 4 **Anita Duty:** That was probably prior to this.
- 5 Rick Cooper: After they got their package, but we did transfer that money out on March 30, of
- 6 this year.
- 7 Mark Swartz: To do the math, then, the number that Anita gave you, which is \$72.70, is the
- 8 difference between, if you look at the First Bank and Trust difference on the exhibit that we
- 9 have, it's \$405.46. Right?
- 10 Mary Quillen: Yes.
- 11 Mark Swartz: If you fix it with the \$478.16, that's the difference, the \$72.70. It's positive.
- Then, you've got a coal notification. Right?
- 13 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 14 Mark Swartz: This is one of those situations where Harrison Wyatt has some split agreements
- pertaining to some of the tracts, but not all of them?
- 16 Anita Duty: Correct.
- 17 Mark Swartz: And, to the extent that Harrison Wyatt has split agreements, we don't want them
- to be dismissed, but to the extent that they don't, we do want them dismissed, as a coal owner.
- 19 And, you've provided proof of notice. Correct?
- 20 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 21 Mark Swartz: They signed for their notice November 5, 2015.
- 22 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 23 Mark Swartz: That's all I have.
- 24 Mary Quillen: Any questions from the Board? [No response] Do I hear a motion?
- 25 **Bill Harris:** Motion for approval.
- 26 **Rita Surratt:** Second.
- 27 Mary Quillen: You have a motion and a second. This item 14 has been approved. I'm sorry.
- We need to vote. All those in favor say yes.
- 29 **Board:** Yes.

- 1 <u>Mary Quillen:</u> Opposed no. [No response] Motion carries.
- 2 **Bradley Lambert:** One abstention. Mr. Lambert.
- 3 Mary Quillen: One abstention. Mr. Lambert.
- 4 **Bradley Lambert:** Thank you, Ms. Quillen.

5 <u>Item Number 15</u>

- 6 **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 15. A petition from CNX Gas
- 7 Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the
- 8 Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to a portion of Tracts 10 & 12, as depicted upon the annexed
- 9 table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties listed in the petition.
- Docket Number VGOB-05-1015-1506-03. All parties wishing to testify please come forward.
- 11 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.
- 12 **Bradley Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Swartz.
- 13 Mark Swartz: Anita, state your name for us, please.
- 14 **Anita Duty:** Anita Duty.
- 15 Mark Swartz: Are we here on behalf of the applicant, CNX Gas Company, LLC?
- 16 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 17 Mark Swartz: And, this is a disbursement request and some related relief, with regard to
- 18 BE107. Right?
- 19 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 20 Mark Swartz: And, the reasons that we are here is we have some gas claimants?
- 21 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 22 Mark Swartz: We've got a B Tract, the A.J. Brown heirs that we've seen in a bunch of units and
- an issue pertaining to them, which we'll get to, in a moment. Right?
- 24 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 25 Mark Swartz: And, we've given notice to some coal owners that need to be dismissed?
- 26 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 27 Mark Swartz: And, we've got a previous dismissal of some folks that we didn't notice.

- 1 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 2 Mark Swartz: Let's go to Table 1 and start with that. Table 1 is two pages. Right?
- 3 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 4 Mark Swartz: It's a percentage table?
- 5 **Anita Duty:** It is.
- 6 Mark Swartz: It pertains to Tract 10 and 12, I think. Right?
- 7 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 8 Mark Swartz: And, for each person or company that you're proposing receive a disbursement,
- 9 have you given the name of the person or company?
- 10 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 11 Mark Swartz: And, an address?
- 12 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 13 Mark Swartz: And, have you also provided, in the second column from the right-hand side, the
- percentage that the Escrow Agent should use to multiply times the balance on hand, at the time
- the disbursements are made and that percentage will generate the correct dollar amount?
- 16 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 17 Mark Swartz: With regard to Tract 12, there's a request that CNX Gas Company receive
- .4113% of the escrow balance, which if it was done, as of the time you did this reconciliation, it
- would have generated \$32.80. Right?
- 20 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 21 Mark Swartz: And, that pertains to the A.J. Brown heirs?
- 22 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 23 Mark Swartz: Why are you asking for that relief?
- Anita Duty: We had, previously, shown that as unknown heirs and, then, we had a certain
- portion of that heirship on pay. Since the new process has come along and the heirship has
- changed, significantly, the people that are currently on pay are being paid at the wrong
- 27 percentage and the wrong percentage is being escrowed. So, we want to zero that tract out and
- redistribute that \$32.82 to all the A.J. Brown heirs and just clear that tract out of escrow. It's,
- basically, because we can't show you how we're going to...what fraction goes with what person

- because all of them have changed. We thought it would be easier if you would allow us to just
- take that \$32 and redistribute it and close that Tract 12 out of escrow because we escrowed the
- 3 wrong percentage and we have also paid the wrong percentage, based on the new heirship.
- 4 **Bradley Lambert:** Did you overpay or underpay?
- 5 Anita Duty: Well, we overpaid the ones that are currently on pay and we haven't put enough in
- 6 escrow to pay the ones that weren't on pay.
- 7 **Bradley Lambert:** So, if you zero it out, what are you going to do about those folks that have
- 8 been underpaid?
- 9 Anita Duty: We're going to offset it. Once we correct the whole, entire heirship, currently
- placing everybody on pay, everybody's going to be caught up to current, what they should have
- been paid and we will recoup from the people that were overpaid. We can give you some kind of
- report, when we're done, if you want us to do that, to let you know what we've done.
- 13 **Bradley Lambert:** Your relief sought says that you're requesting that the funds be placed in
- escrow, attributable to a portion of Tract 12, and then disburse that to CNX.
- 15 **Anita Duty:** That's what we're asking, to close that Tract 12 out, pay us that \$32.80, so we can
- redistribute to the heirs that were paid incorrectly.
- 17 **Paul Kugelman:** The total amount of money you're asking to get back is \$32.80?
- 18 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 19 Mark Swartz: To redistribute, which will close that tract out of the escrow because everybody
- 20 could be on pay.
- 21 **Paul Kugelman:** So, it closes out the well for the escrow.
- 22 Mark Swartz: Just that tract.
- 23 **Paul Kugelman:** That tract. Closes out that tract, for the escrow, and you redistribute \$32.80
- 24 and that catches...
- 25 Anita Duty: That pays everybody. Well, you can see on Exhibit EE how we're going to pay the
- A.J. Brown heirs, now, going forward. It's just we didn't have a way to be able to show you
- 27 where that \$32 was going to go because part of it would go to people currently on pay and, then,
- we needed to have the people that were on pay, some of that money recouped from them to pay
- 29 owners that weren't already on pay.
- 30 **Mary Quillen:** Approximately, how many heirs are there?
- 31 Mark Swartz: I'm looking for that.

- 1 Anita Duty: It was a difficult decision to try to figure out how to.... We really didn't know how
- 2 to show it.
- 3 Mary Quillen: But, the people that were overpaid, you would recoup that out of what you're
- 4 designating for them, now?
- 5 **Anita Duty:** People who were overpaid?
- 6 Mary Quillen: Yes.
- 7 Anita Duty: This is actually fee property. The only reason it was escrowed, to start with, is
- 8 because we had certain groups within the heirship that were unknown. So, we will take back
- 9 from the people that were overpaid and then redistribute everything back to the people.
- 10 Mary Quillen: How are you going to get that? That's my question. How are you going to get
- that back from those people? Will that come from what?
- 12 **Anita Duty:** Systematically, we'll do it.
- 13 **Paul Kugelman:** Are you going to reduce their future royalty payments?
- 14 Anita Duty: Correct.
- 15 **Mary Quillen:** Oh, okay.
- **Paul Kugelman:** I think that was the question. How are you effecting the adjustment for the
- 17 overpayment?
- 18 **Anita Duty:** Okay. I'm sorry.
- 19 **Paul Kugelman:** It's not coming out of the \$32.80, which didn't seem like a whole lot, to be
- able to correct overpayment with.
- 21 Anita Duty: Well, and it's a very small.... If you look at the fractions, the fractions are very
- 22 small.
- 23 **Paul Kugelman:** The Board just wants to understand the mechanism. That's all.
- 24 **Anita Duty:** I wasn't paying attention to the question.
- 25 **Mary Quillen:** I didn't ask that very clearly.
- 26 **Anita Duty:** I didn't answer you right, either.
- 27 Mark Swartz: If you look at pages, I guess it would be...
- 28 **Anita Duty:** If you look at Tract 12 on the EE...

- 1 Mark Swartz: If you look at, on mine its Page 23 of your PDF, at the middle of that page is
- 2 Tract 12, which is .25 acres in escrow. Right?
- 3 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 4 Mark Swartz: Then, you come down to oil and gas ownership and the A.J. Brown heirs. Then,
- 5 on the next page we've got just a few people listed. Right?
- 6 **Anita Duty:** Right.
- 7 Mark Swartz: That's the piece that's been in escrow, apparently. Right?
- 8 **Anita Duty:** Yes, but that's not everything that everybody's due. That's the problem.
- 9 Mark Swartz: I understand.
- 10 **Paul Kugelman:** How much of an overpayment do you think we're talking about?
- 11 **Anita Duty:** Well, it's just within the tract. It's not within...
- **Paul Kugelman:** I understand, but how much overpayment, in the tract, are we talking about?
- Do you have any idea?
- 14 **Anita Duty:** I have no idea.
- 15 **Paul Kugelman:** I was just curious.
- 16 Mary Quillen: This whole tract is less than two acres.
- 17 **Anita Duty:** The portion that's being escrowed is very small. Like I said, this is a fee tract.
- Normally, it wouldn't be escrowed, if we would have known all the parties, at the time.
- 19 Mark Swartz: If you look at the plat.... Do you guys have a plat?
- 20 **Bill Harris:** Yes.
- 21 Mark Swartz: To answer your question, if you look at Page 3, you can see Tract 12 in the, sort
- of, southeast corner. If you go to the tract identifications, there are 2 1/2 acres in the unit. So,
- 23 it's a total of 2 1/2 acres, in that 9-acre tract that's in the unit. There was .25 acres of that in
- escrow. So, what Anita's saying is, with regard to all of the heirs, there's 2 1/2 acres of money
- 25 that has been misapplied between them. We're going to pay some, to catch up and take away to
- 26 make that up, within that group.
- 27 Mary Quillen: Right. It's going to be pennies.
- 28 Mark Swartz: Well, not for 2 1/2 acres. I mean, is this an 80?

- 1 Anita Duty: It's not going to be a lot.
- 2 Mark Swartz: Is this an 80-acre unit, though?
- 3 **Anita Duty:** 58.74
- 4 Mark Swartz: It's not going to be a huge amount of money, but it's certainly way more than
- 5 \$32.
- 6 Mary Quillen: Right.
- 7 **Bradley Lambert:** Just for the record, I want to clear up the statement in B, in your relief
- 8 sought, that says the money will be disbursed to CNX. It, actually, will be disbursed to CNX,
- 9 but then it will be redistributed to those parties listed.
- 10 Mark Swartz: Correct.
- 11 **Bradley Lambert:** Okay. Any other questions from the Board? [No response] Anything
- 12 further, Mr. Swartz?
- 13 Mark Swartz: I think we've got the coal dismissal issue, too. At Page 28, we've a supplemental
- affidavit of mailing, with regard to coal owners. We've got, at the next page, the summary of
- when it was mailed and when it was signed for. We've got one coal owner that it was unclaimed.
- So, the John Branch, we do not want the order to dismiss him because we've got unclaimed mail.
- 17 Everybody else could be dismissed. This may be one where it exceeded the time. Let me look at
- this. At Page 33, status of item, he had it there. It's a good address, but he didn't claim it and the
- maximum hold time expired and it came back. I think that the position we've adopted with
- 20 regard to that is they had it. They could have picked it up and they didn't. We can move
- 21 forward. So, I guess we're good with that one. If they come back and we have a bad address,
- then it's been an issue.
- 23 **Paul Kugelman:** Do you guys do a mirror-mailing, first class? I know I've asked that before,
- but I can't remember. Do you mail the same thing, first-class, as well? Do you do return receipt
- and first-class and the first-class did not come back?
- 26 **Anita Duty:** It's not certified, so...
- 27 **Paul Kugelman:** I understand, but if it's a bad address.... So, it at least got to the address?
- 28 **Mark Swartz:** Right.
- 29 **Paul Kugelman:** Okay.
- 30 Mark Swartz: When they show max-hold time and it's a post office box for whatever their hold
- 31 time is...the card. So, to modify that, I think we can dismiss that coal owner, based on that
- 32 mailing.

- 1 **Bradley Lambert:** I would agree. Anything further?
- 2 Mark Swartz: No.
- 3 **Bradley Lambert:** Any more questions from the Board? [No response] Do I have a motion?
- 4 **Mary Quillen:** Motion to approve.
- 5 **Bill Harris:** I'll second.
- 6 **Bradley Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All in
- 7 favor signify by saying yes.
- 8 **Board:** Yes.
- 9 **Bradley Lambert:** Opposed no. [No response] Thank you, Mr. Swartz. That is approved.
- 10 We're going to take about ten minutes.

11 <u>Item Number 16</u>

- 12 **Bradley Lambert:** Ladies and gentlemen, if you could please take your seats, we'll resume our
- proceedings, this morning. We're calling Docket Item Number 16. A petition from CNX Gas
- 14 Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the
- Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tracts 1E, 5G, 5H, 5I, 5J, 8 and a portion of 3, as depicted
- upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties
- 17 listed in the petition; (3) Dismissal of coal owners. This is Docket Number VGOB-06-0321-
- 18 1597-02. All parties wishing to testify please come forward.
- 19 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.
- 20 **Bradley Lambert:** You may proceed.
- 21 Mark Swartz: Anita, state your name for us, again.
- 22 **Anita Duty:** Anita Duty.
- 23 Mark Swartz: This is a petition regarding VP8 Sealed Gob Unit 4. Right?
- 24 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 25 Mark Swartz: And, are you here on behalf of CNX Gas Company, LLC, the petitioner?
- 26 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 27 Mark Swartz: And, we're seeking a disbursement from escrow. The reasons are we have a
- bunch of gas claimants. Right?

- 1 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 2 Mark Swartz: Is that a yes?
- 3 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 4 Mark Swartz: Okay. And, we've given notices of coal claimants. That's it. Right?
- 5 **Anita Duty:** Coal claimants and royalty splits. Yes.
- 6 Mark Swartz: Right. And, we have a Table 1, starting at Page 14?
- 7 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 8 Mark Swartz: And, it's two pages. Is it a percentage table?
- 9 **Anita Duty:** It is.
- 10 Mark Swartz: And, it involves Tract 1E, 3, 5G, 5H, 5I, 5J, and Tract 8. Correct?
- 11 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 12 Mark Swartz: And, for each person or company that you're proposing should receive a
- disbursement, you've given their name?
- 14 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 15 **Mark Swartz:** And an address?
- 16 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 17 Mark Swartz: And, in the second column from the right-hand side of Table 1, you've given a
- 18 percentage for each person or company?
- 19 **Anita Duty:** We have.
- 20 Mark Swartz: And the Escrow Agent should be directed to use that percentage, multiply it
- 21 times the balance on hand at the time the disbursements are made and that will generate the
- 22 correct check amount?
- 23 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 24 Mark Swartz: At the end, here, you've identified the well?
- 25 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 26 Mark Swartz: You've provided the Board with a revised Exhibit E and a going-forward
- payment Exhibit EE?

- 1 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 2 Mark Swartz: Exhibit J, starting at Page 64. I don't see any highlighting. Were you able to
- 3 find a deposit for every check?
- 4 **Anita Duty:** We were.
- 5 Mark Swartz: And, what's the difference between your calculation and the bank balance, as of
- 6 August 2016?
- 7 Anita Duty: The bank is showing \$6.78 less than our calculations.
- 8 Mark Swartz: And, we've got a copy of the.... Well, actually, there is a split agreement, here.
- 9 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 10 Mark Swartz: At least one. You've provided a copy of that?
- 11 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 12 Mark Swartz: And, you have my favorite part at Page 71. What's Page 71 all about?
- 13 **Anita Duty:** That wasn't supposed to be in there.
- 14 Mark Swartz: Okay. Then, we won't talk about it.
- 15 **Anita Duty:** It's just an opinion.
- 16 Mark Swartz: And, it's not your opinion. It's just somebody else's opinion. Right?
- 17 **Anita Duty:** No.
- 18 Mark Swartz: Well, that's not your handwriting.
- 19 **Anita Duty:** It's not my handwriting.
- 20 **Mark Swartz:** And, it's not your signature.
- 21 Anita Duty: No.
- 22 Mark Swartz: Okay. Then, we have a supplemental affidavit, at Page 72. That's something
- you actually signed. Right?
- 24 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 25 Mark Swartz: And, that's with regard to notice to a collection of coal owners and you've listed
- 26 them?
- 27 Anita Duty: Yes.

- 1 Mark Swartz: And, at the next page, 72, it looks like all of the coal owners picked up their
- 2 mail.
- 3 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 4 Mark Swartz: So, are you seeking a dismissal, with regard to the coal owners listed in your
- 5 affidavit and at Page 73?
- 6 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 7 Mark Swartz: I believe that's it. That's all I have.
- 8 **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Do I have a motion?
- 9 **Mary Quillen:** Motion to approve.
- 10 **Bill Harris:** Second.
- 11 **Bradley Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? [No
- response] All in favor signify by saying yes.
- 13 **Board:** Yes.
- 14 **Bradley Lambert:** Opposed no. [No response] Thank you, Mr. Swartz. That is approved.
- 15 Mark Swartz: Thank you.
- 16 **Bradley Lambert:** Thank you, folks.
- 17 Mark Swartz: Have a great day!

18 <u>Item Number 17</u>

- 19 **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 17. A petition from EnerVest
- 20 Operating, LLC, to disburse funds from the escrow account to all known owners in Tracts 5 and
- 21 6. Docket Number VGOB-08-0617-2258-01. All parties wishing to testify please come
- 22 forward.
- 23 **Tim Scott:** Tim Scott, Chuck Akers, for EnerVest Operating Company
- 24 **Bradley Lambert:** Good morning.
- 25 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Good morning.
- 26 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> We're requesting that the Docket Item be continued until May.
- 27 **Bradley Lambert:** Until May?

- 1 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> Yes, continued to May.
- **Bradley Lambert:** 17 will be continued until May.

3 <u>Item Number 18</u>

- **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 18.A petition from EnerVest Operating,
- 5 LLC, for pooling of Well No. VCI-530459. Docket Number VGOB-17-0321-4111. All parties
- 6 wishing to testify please come forward.
- 7 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Tim Scott, Gus Janson and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating
- **Sarah Gilmer:** Do you swear and affirm that your testimony is the truth, the whole truth, and
- 9 nothing but the truth?
- **Gus Janson:** I do.
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** I do.
- **Bradley Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Mr. Anderson, please state your name, by whom you are employed and your job
- 14 description, please.
- **Aaron Anderson:** Aaron Anderson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC. I'm an
- 16 Associate Landman.
- **Tim Scott:** And, you participated in the preparation of this application. Is that correct?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** Is this unit located within the Nora Coalbed Gas Field?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes, it is.
- **Tim Scott:** How many acres does it contain?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.77
- **Tim Scott:** Based on our Exhibit B we filed, EnerVest is fee-simple owner of many of the tracts
- in this unit. Is that correct?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Are there any parties respondent that we're going to dismiss, today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No.

- 1 <u>Tim Scott:</u> How was notice of this hearing provided?
- 2 <u>Aaron Anderson:</u> Certified mail, with return receipt requested
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> I believe that we had just unknowns on Exhibit B3. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** We published in the newspaper. Is that right?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** When was that done and in what newspaper?
- **Aaron Anderson:** March 22, in the Dickenson County Star
- **Tim Scott:** Now, EnerVest is authorized to do business in the Commonwealth. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And, there's a blanket bond on file?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** If we are able to identify these individuals and reach an agreement with them, what
- terms would you offer for a lease?
- **Aaron Anderson:** \$25/acre for a 5-year paid-up lease, with a 1/8 royalty
- **Tim Scott:** Do you think that's reasonable for a lease in this area?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** What percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 92.94%
- **Tim Scott:** And, what percentage of the gas estate are you seeking to pool?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** 7.06
- **Tim Scott:** Now, in this particular unit, we do have unknowns. Is that correct?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** What tract does that involve?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Tract 5.

- 1 **Tim Scott:** And, what's the percentage of the interest in the unit that would be escrowed?
- 2 **Aaron Anderson:** 7.06% of the unit.
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> You do have an escrow requirement. Is that right?
- 4 **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That is correct.
- 5 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Now, are you asking that EnerVest be named operator for this unit?
- 6 **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- 7 **Tim Scott:** And that all the parties listed on Exhibit B3 be pooled? Is that also correct?
- 8 **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- 9 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Now, if the Board grants our application, today, and we send out election notices,
- what would be the address to be used for any elections that would be made under any order that's
- entered, by the Board?
- 12 **Aaron Anderson:** EnerVest Operating, LLC; 408 W. Main St.; Abingdon, VA 24210, Attn:
- 13 Chuck Akers.
- 14 **Tim Scott:** Would that be the address for all correspondence, with regard to this unit?
- 15 **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- 16 **Tim Scott:** I apologize. I was going about 80 mph, trying to get through traffic, there, so....
- 17 That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- 18 **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board?
- 19 **Paul Kugelman:** Just for the record, that was not an admission, under oath, was it?
- 20 <u>Tim Scott:</u> They would have just had to chase me here.
- 21 **Bradley Lambert:** We would have waited on you, Mr. Scott.
- 22 **Tim Scott:** I hate to be late. I've been married too late for 34 years.
- 23 **Bradley Lambert:** That's on the record, now, too.
- **Tim Scott:** Believe me. We used to go to high school, together. I was late every single day I
- picked her up from her house. Nothing has changed. Sorry. All right. Mr. Janson, would you
- 26 please state your name, by whom you are employed and your job description?
- 27 **Gus Janson:** My name is Gus Janson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as the
- 28 Geology Advisor.

- 1 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Now, you approved and reviewed this application. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** I did.
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Are you familiar with the total depth of this well?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes. The proposed depth is 2,551 feet.
- **Tim Scott:** What are the estimated reserves of this unit?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated reserves is 605 million cubic feet of gas.
- **Tim Scott:** Now, again, you did sign the AFE. Is that correct?
- **Gus Janson:** I did.
- 9 <u>Tim Scott:</u> So, you're familiar with the well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** I am.
- **Tim Scott:** What is the estimated dry hole cost?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated dry hole cost is \$157,500.
- **<u>Tim Scott:</u>** And, the completed well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** \$371,800.
- **Tim Scott:** Now, as far as the pooling that we're going to do, today, would it be your opinion
- that, if the application is granted, it would prevent waste, promote conservation and protect
- 17 correlative rights?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes, it would.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board?
- 21 <u>Bill Harris:</u> Mr. Chairman, let me just ask about the AFE. The copy we have is really
- smudged. I can see amounts, but you kind of have to guess.
- **Tim Scott:** Mr. Harris, I probably have a better one, if you...
- **Bill Harris:** I don't need to see anything, specific, but that's just a comment.
- **Rick Cooper:** Mr. Harris, we'll try to assure that we get a better quality, in the future.
- **Bill Harris:** Is that from the Excel file or scan of a scan, or something?

- **Rick Cooper:** Maybe. I think we had requested a better quality, but we didn't get it. In the
- 2 future, we'll try a little harder.
- 3 Sarah Gilmer: I think that we talked to Aaron about it and he was going to try to figure out
- 4 what was going on. I don't remember.
- **Aaron Anderson:** Did the one she turned in, this time, look any better?
- **Sarah Gilmer:** No, but I mean, I don't know what the issue is.
- 7 Aaron Anderson: I'm not sure what the issue is, either, because I'm sending them to her as the
- 8 highest quality I can scan.
- 9 Mary Quillen: It must be the transfer through the scanner.
- **Aaron Anderson:** If you all didn't want them signed, I could just submit you an Excel file.
- 11 Mary Quillen: Unfortunately...
- **Bill Harris:** I was just curious.
- **Sarah Gilmer:** Maybe, you all could bring a copy, start bringing some copies.
- **Tim Scott:** We actually tried to enlarge it. Then, it looked like snowmen, where the 8's were.
- You couldn't see it, at all, at that point.
- **Bill Harris:** That's all I had, Mr. Chairman.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- **Tim Scott:** No, sir.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- **Mary Quillen:** Motion to approve.
- 21 Bill Harris: Second.
- **Bradley Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? [No
- response] All in favor signify by saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Opposed no.
- **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain, Mr. Chairman.
- **Bradley Lambert:** One abstention. Mr. Ratliff.

<u>Item Number 19</u>

- **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 19. A petition from EnerVest
- 3 Operating, LLC, for pooling of Well No. VCI-530472. This is Docket Number VGOB-17-0321-
- 4 4112. All parties wishing to testify please come forward.
- 5 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Tim Scott, Gus Janson and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating
- **Bradley Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Anderson, again, your name, by whom you are
- 8 employed, and your job description.
- **Aaron Anderson:** I'm Aaron Anderson, employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as an
- 10 Associate Landman.

- **Tim Scott:** You participated in the preparation of this application. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** I did.
- **Tim Scott:** Where is this unit located? What field?
- **Aaron Anderson:** It's the Nora Coalbed Gas Field
- **<u>Tim Scott:</u>** How many acres does it contain?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.77
- **Tim Scott:** Like the last hearing we had, EnerVest is an owner of both...owner and operator. Is
- that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** As far as the respondents listed on Exhibit B3, are we going to dismiss anybody,
- 21 today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No
- **Tim Scott:** And, we have unknowns on B3. Is that correct?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** So, the notice of hearing was provided by publication. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** When was that done?

- **Aaron Anderson:** On March 22, 2017, in the Dickenson Star.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, we provided proof of publication to the Board. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** We did.
- **Tim Scott:** Again, EnerVest is authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth. Correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And, there's a bond on file with the department. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** Now, if you could reach an agreement with those parties listed on Exhibit B3, what
- 9 terms would you offer?
- **Aaron Anderson:** \$25/acre for a 5-year paid up lease, with a 1/8 royalty.
- 11 Tim Scott: Again, you would consider that to be reasonable compensation for a lease in this
- 12 area?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** What percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 94.2.
- **Tim Scott:** Again, that includes tracts in which EnerVest has a fee simple interest. Is that
- 17 correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** What percentage of the gas estate are you seeking to pool, here?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 5.8%.
- 21 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That would also be the same percentage for escrow. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** What tract or tracts are involved with the escrow?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Tract 4.
- 25 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, the percentage, again?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 5.8%.

- **Tim Scott:** And, you're requesting the Board to pool the unleased parties on B3. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And EnerVest be named the operator?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** Again, if the Board grants our application, today, and we send out the orders for
- 6 election, what address should be used for making elections, under any order entered by the
- 7 Board?
- **Aaron Anderson:** EnerVest Operating, LLC; 408 W. Main St.; Abingdon, VA 24210. Attn:
- 9 Chuck Akers, Land Manager.
- **Tim Scott:** Should this be the address for all communication?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] You may continue, Mr.
- 14 Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you. Mr. Janson, your name, by whom you are employed and your job
- 16 description.
- **Gus Janson:** My name is Gus Janson, employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as the Geology
- 18 Advisor.
- **Tim Scott:** And, you helped prepare this application. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** I did.
- 21 <u>Tim Scott:</u> You also helped prepare the AFE. Is that correct?
- **Gus Janson:** I did.
- **Tim Scott:** Are you familiar with the proposed depth of this well?
- **Gus Janson:** The proposed depth is 2,517 feet.
- **Tim Scott:** And, the estimated reserves for this unit?
- **Gus Janson:** Reserves are 610 million cubic feet of gas
- **Tim Scott:** Again, with regard to the AFE, there are certain costs associated. Is that right?

- **Gus Janson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** What's the estimated dry hole cost?
- **Gus Janson:** Estimated dry hole cost is \$159,400.
- **<u>Tim Scott:</u>** And, the completed well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** \$362,450.
- **Tim Scott:** If the Board grants our application, today, in your opinion would it prevent waste,
- 7 promote conservation and protect correlative rights?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes, it would.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- 11 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- **Mary Quillen:** Motion to approve.
- **Bill Harris:** Second.
- **Bradley Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All in
- 16 favor signify by saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Opposed no. [No response] Thank you, Mr. Scott. That is approved.
- 19 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you.
- **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain, Mr. Chairman.
- **Bradley Lambert:** One abstention. Mr. Ratliff.

22 <u>Item Number 20</u>

- **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 20. A petition from EnerVest
- Operating, LLC, for pooling of Well VCI-530433. Docket Number VGOB-17-0418-4113. All
- 25 parties wishing to testify please come forward.
- **Tim Scott:** Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating.

- **Bradley Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Anderson, your name, by whom you are employed
- 3 and your job description, please.
- 4 Aaron Anderson: Aaron Anderson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as an
- 5 Associate Landman.
- **Tim Scott:** And, you participated in the preparation of this application. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Where is this unit located?
- **Aaron Anderson:** In the Nora Coalbed Gas Field.
- **Tim Scott:** How many acres does it contain?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.77.
- **Tim Scott:** In this particular unit, EnerVest is both an owner and an operator. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Are we going to dismiss any respondents, today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No, sir.
- **Tim Scott:** How was this notice provided to respondents listed on B3?
- **Aaron Anderson:** By certified mail, return receipt requested.
- **Tim Scott:** And, we provided proof of mailing to the Board. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** Do you have any unknown heirs?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No.
- **Tim Scott:** And, EnerVest is authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth. Is that
- 23 right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And, there's a bond on file?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.

- **Tim Scott:** If you were able to reach an agreement with those parties listed on Exhibit B3, what
- 2 terms would you offer?
- **Aaron Anderson:** \$25 per acre for a 5-year paid up lease, with a 1/8 royalty.
- **Tim Scott:** And, does this represent a fair compensation for a lease, in this area?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** What percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 94.06%
- **Tim Scott:** As I asked earlier, that includes acreage in which EnerVest has a fee simple
- 9 ownership interest. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** What percentage of the gas estate are you seeking to pool?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 5.94.
- **Tim Scott:** And, we don't have an escrow requirement for this unit. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes, sir.
- **Tim Scott:** Are you asking that the Board pool the parties listed on Exhibit B3?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And, that EnerVest be named the operator for this unit?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** Yes.
- 19 <u>Tim Scott:</u> I'm not going to interrupt you, this time. I promise. Should the Board grant our
- application, today, and we send out the Board order that had been entered and recorded, what
- 21 would be the address to be used for making any elections, under that order?
- **Aaron Anderson:** EnerVest Operating, LLC; 408 W. Main St.; Abingdon, VA 24210. Attn:
- 23 Chuck Akers, Land Manager
- **Tim Scott:** Should this be the address for all communications for this unit?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- 26 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you, Mr. Anderson.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board?

- 1 <u>Bill Harris:</u> Let me just ask a quick question. I notice Heartwood Forest Land. I haven't been
- 2 here, in the last couple of meetings. What's the status of that, now? I know that there was some
- 3 court activity, I thought, around the first of the year. Where are we, on Heartwood, now?
- **Bradley Lambert:** I'm not sure I know.
- **Aaron Anderson:** Are you speaking of Yellow Poplar?
- **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** I'm sorry. My mistake. Scratch that.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Any other questions? [No response] You may continue, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you. Mr. Janson, your name, by whom you are employed and your job
- 9 description, please.
- **Gus Janson:** My name is Gus Janson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as the
- 11 Geology Advisor.
- **Tim Scott:** Again, you're familiar with this application. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** I am.
- **Tim Scott:** And, you helped prepare it. Is that, also, correct?
- **Gus Janson:** Correct.
- **Tim Scott:** What's the proposed depth of this well?
- **Gus Janson:** 2,450 feet.
- **Tim Scott:** And, are you familiar with the estimated reserves?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes. The estimated reserves is 645 million cubic feet of gas.
- **Tim Scott:** And, are you also familiar with the proposed well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** I am.
- **Tim Scott:** What's the estimated dry hole cost?
- **Gus Janson:** \$171,200
- **Tim Scott:** And, the estimated completed well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** \$412,531.
- **Tim Scott:** If the Board grants our application, today, would it prevent waste, promote
- 27 conservation and protect correlative rights?

- **Gus Janson:** Yes, it would.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- 4 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have on this one, Mr. Chairman.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- **Mary Quillen:** Motion to approve.
- **Bill Harris:** Second.
- **Bradley Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? [No
- 9 response] All in favor signify by saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Opposed no.
- **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain, Mr. Chairman.
- **Bradley Lambert:** One abstention. Mr. Ratliff. Thank you, Mr. Scott. That one is approved.
- 14 <u>Item Number 21</u>
- **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 21. A petition from EnerVest
- Operating, LLC, for pooling of Well VCI-530453. Docket Number VGOB-17-0418-4114. All
- parties wishing to testify please come forward.
- **Tim Scott:** Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating
- **Bradley Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you. Mr. Anderson, your name, by whom you are employed and your job
- 21 description, please.
- **Aaron Anderson:** I'm Aaron Anderson, employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as an
- 23 Associate Landman.
- **Tim Scott:** And, you're familiar with this application. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** How many acres does this unit contain?

- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.77 acres.
- **Tim Scott:** And, what field is it located in?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** The Nora Coalbed Gas Field.
- **Tim Scott:** And, EnerVest does have drilling right in this unit. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes, they do.
- **Tim Scott:** And, that would be both as an operator and fee simple owner. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **<u>Tim Scott:</u>** Are we going to dismiss any parties respondent, listed on B3, today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No.
- **Tim Scott:** And, we have just unknowns on Exhibit B3. Is that correct?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** So, we published in the newspaper. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 14 <u>Tim Scott:</u> When was it published and in what paper?
- **Aaron Anderson:** March 22, in the Dickenson Star.
- **Tim Scott:** So, we do have unknowns. Is that also correct?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** EnerVest is authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 20 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, there's a bond on file?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** If you were able to reach an agreement with any of the parties listed on Exhibit B3,
- 23 what terms would you offer?
- **Aaron Anderson:** \$25 per acre for a 5-year paid up lease, with a 1/8 royalty
- **Tim Scott:** And, you consider that to be reasonable compensation for a lease in this are?

- 1 Aaron Anderson: Yes.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 98.71%.
- 4 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage are you seeking to pool?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 1.29.
- **Tim Scott:** And, we do have an escrow requirement for this unit. Is that right?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** What tract or tracts are involved?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Tract 2, for a total of 1.29%.
- **Tim Scott:** That's of the unit. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And, you're requesting the Board to pool the unleased parties listed on B3?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And, you are requesting EnerVest to be named the operator. Is that also correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** If the Board grants our application, today, and we send out the order to the parties
- 17 listed on Exhibit B3, and find them, what would be the address to be used for making any
- 18 elections?
- **Aaron Anderson:** EnerVest Operating, LLC; 408 W. Main St.; Abingdon, VA 24210. Attn:
- 20 Chuck Akers, Land Manager.
- **Tim Scott:** And, that would be the address for all communications regarding this order?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Just as a follow-up, is the ad that you placed in the Dickenson Star, the only
- research you've done to locate these unknowns?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Could you tell us a little bit more about what all you're doing?

- **Rick Cooper:** Are you looking for the Joseph Kaiser letter?
- **Tim Scott:** Yes.
- **Rick Cooper:** It's on Page 17 of the PDF.
- **Tim Scott:** I'd like to address that, if I could, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Anderson, when title work
- 5 was ordered on these units, what do you typically do, as far as your request? By the description
- 6 of the property? Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And, so examination is conducted in the Clerk's Office in Dickenson County. Is that
- 9 also correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- 11 <u>Tim Scott:</u> So, the records that are reviewed include wills, deeds, affidavits, chancery actions.
- 12 Is that also correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** One of the problems that I think that all operators face is woefully incomplete
- affidavits of descents, or lists of heirs. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- 17 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Oftentimes, there will be names on these affidavits, but the relationship to the party
- who is deceased is not disclosed. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Thus, making it pretty difficult to be able to determine the quantitative interest that
- any of these individuals would have, in this particular tract. Is that also correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** But, your efforts with regard to the locating of these heirs is ongoing. Is that also
- 24 correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And they're always updated and supplemented. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Okay. Do you also use newspapers and genealogy websites and so on?

- 1 Aaron Anderson: Yes.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Okay. Thank you. Any other questions from the Board? [No response]
- 3 You may continue, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you. Mr. Janson, your name, by whom you are employed, and your job
- 5 description, please.
- **Gus Janson:** My name is Gus Janson, employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as a Geology
- 7 Advisor.
- **<u>Tim Scott:</u>** You participated in the preparation of this application. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** I did.
- **Tim Scott:** Are you familiar with the proposed well depth?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes, the proposed depth is 2,584 feet.
- **Tim Scott:** And, what are the estimated reserves of this unit?
- **Gus Janson:** Estimated reserves are 775,000 cubic feet of gas.
- **Tim Scott:** And, you did, as I said, help prepare the AFE that was attached to our application?
- **Gus Janson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And, you're familiar with the proposed well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** What's the estimated dry hole cost?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated dry hole cost is \$171,200.
- **Tim Scott:** And, the complete well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** \$382,229.
- 22 <u>Tim Scott:</u> If the Board grants our application, today, in your opinion, would it prevent waste,
- promote conservation, and protect correlative rights?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes, it would.
- 25 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board?
- **Mary Quillen:** Mr. Janson, would you repeat that dry hole cost, again?

- **Gus Janson:** \$171,200.
- 2 Mary Quillen: That's different than what we have.
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Probably because I couldn't read it.
- 4 Mary Quillen: \$165,500 is what's on here.
- **Gus Janson:** Yes, that's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** What's listed on Exhibit C, Mr. Janson, for the dry hole cost?
- **Gus Janson:** \$165,500.
- **Tim Scott:** And, that is correct? Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** That is correct.
- **Mary Quillen:** Thank you.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Any other questions? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have on this one, Mr. Chairman.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- **Mary Quillen:** Motion to approve.
- 15 Bill Harris: Second.
- **Bradley Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All in
- favor signify by saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Opposed no.
- **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain, Mr. Chairman.
- **Bradley Lambert:** One abstention. Mr. Ratliff. Thank you, Mr. Scott. That is approved.
- 22 <u>Item Number 22</u>
- **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 22. A petition from EnerVest
- Operating, LLC, for pooling of Well VCI-531625. Docket Number VGOB-17-0418-4115. All
- 25 parties wishing to testify please come forward.
- **Tim Scott:** Again, Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating.

- **Bradley Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- 2 Tim Scott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Anderson, again, your name, by whom you are
- 3 employed, and your job description, please.
- 4 Aaron Anderson: Aaron Anderson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as an
- 5 Associate Landman.
- **Tim Scott:** Are you familiar with this application?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And, you helped prepare it. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** Where is this unit located?
- **Aaron Anderson:** In the Nora Coalbed Methane Gas Field.
- **Tim Scott:** And, how many acres does it contain?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.77
- **Tim Scott:** EnerVest, of course, has drilling rights, by virtue of its ownership. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Are there any parties respondent we're going to dismiss, today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** Who would that be, please?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Jeffrey Robert Weaver.
- **Tim Scott:** How was the notice of this hearing provided to the parties listed on Exhibit B3?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** By certified mail, with a return receipt requested.
- **Tim Scott:** And, we provided proof of our mailing to the Board. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Do we have any unknowns, in this unit?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No.
- **Tim Scott:** EnerVest is authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth. Is that right?

- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, EnerVest has a bond on file with the Department?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And, if you were able to reach an agreement with the parties listed on Exhibit B3,
- 5 what terms would you offer?
- **Aaron Anderson:** \$25/acre for a 5-year paid up lease, with a 1/8 royalty.
- 7 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Do you consider that to be a reasonable compensation for a lease in this area?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** What percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** 98.64096875.
- **Tim Scott:** And, that percentage does include tracts in which EnerVest has a fee simple
- ownership. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** What percentage of the gas estate are you seeking to pool?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 1.35903125%.
- **Tim Scott:** And, with regard to this unit, there is no escrow. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And, you're requesting the Board to pool the unleased parties listed on Exhibit B3?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** You're also requesting that EnerVest be named operator for this unit?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Again, if the Board grants our application, today, and we send out our orders for
- elections, what address would be used for any correspondence regarding making an election?
- Aaron Anderson: EnerVest Operating, LLC; 408 W. Main St.; Abingdon, VA 24210. Attn:
- 25 Chuck Akers, Land Manager
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you. And, this address would be used for all communications, with regard to
- 27 this application and any order that's entered?

- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] You may continue, Mr.
- 4 Scott.
- 5 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Janson, your name, by whom you are employed,
- 6 and your job description, please.
- 7 <u>Gus Janson:</u> My name is Gus Janson, employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as the Geology
- 8 Advisor.
- **Tim Scott:** And, you participated in the preparation of this application. Is that correct?
- 10 Gus Janson: I did.
- **Tim Scott:** And, are you familiar with the total depth of the proposed well?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes. The proposed depth is 2,500 feet.
- **Tim Scott:** What are the estimated reserves of this unit?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated reserves are 675,000 cubic feet of gas.
- **Tim Scott:** And, you signed the AFE that was submitted. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** I did.
- **Tim Scott:** And, what is the estimated dry hole cost?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated dry hole cost is \$149,700.
- 19 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, the estimated completed well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** Is \$317,400.
- **Tim Scott:** Now, if the Board grants our application, today, would it be your opinion that it
- 22 would prevent waste, promote conservation, and protect correlative rights?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes, it would.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Do I have a motion?
- **Mary Quillen:** Motion to approve.
- 27 Bill Harris: Second.

- **Bradley Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? [No
- 2 response] All in favor signify by saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Opposed no.
- **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain, Mr. Chairman.
- **Bradley Lambert:** One abstention. Mr. Ratliff. Thank you, Mr. Scott. That one is approved.

7 Item Number 23

- **Bradley Lambert:** We're calling Docket Item Number 23. A petition from EnerVest
- 9 Operating, LLC, for pooling of Well VCI-530476. Docket Number VGOB-17-0418-4116. All
- parties wishing to testify please come forward.
- 11 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating.
- **Bradley Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Mr. Anderson, one more time, your name, by whom you are employed, and your job
- 14 description, please.
- **Aaron Anderson:** Aaron Anderson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as an
- 16 Associate Land Manager.
- **Tim Scott:** And, you're familiar with this application?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** Did you also assist in preparing this application?
- **Aaron Anderson:** I did.
- 21 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Where is this unit located, please?
- **Aaron Anderson:** In the Nora Coalbed Gas Field.
- 23 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, how many acres does this unit contain?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.77.
- **Tim Scott:** Are we going to dismiss any parties respondent, listed on Exhibit B3, today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No.

- 1 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, EnerVest does have drilling rights in this unit. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** How was notice of this hearing provided to the parties listed on B3?
- **Aaron Anderson:** The Dickenson Star, on March 22, 2017.
- **Tim Scott:** So, we do have unknowns on this one. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Now, EnerVest is authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth. Is that
- 8 right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And, we have a blanket bond on file?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** What would be the lease terms you would offer, if you were able to reach an
- agreement with these parties?
- **Aaron Anderson:** \$25/acre for a 5-year paid up lease, with a 1/8 royalty.
- **Tim Scott:** Do you consider that to be reasonable compensation for a lease in this area?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** What percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 59.63%.
- **Tim Scott:** And, that percentage does include tracts in which EnerVest has a fee simple interest.
- 20 Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 22 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage of the gas estate are you seeking to pool?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 40.37.
- **Tim Scott:** With regard to this unit, there is an escrow requirement. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** What tract or tracts are subject to escrow?

- **Aaron Anderson:** Tracts 3 and 4, for a total of 4.37% of the unit.
- **Tim Scott:** Is that 40.37?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes. I'm sorry.
- **Tim Scott:** Are you requesting the Board to pool the unleased parties listed on Exhibit B3?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And that EnerVest be named the operator for this unit. Is that also correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Now, if we're able to send out the order that's been approved by the Board and
- 9 entered, what would be the address used for any communications, regarding elections, for this
- 10 particular unit?
- **Aaron Anderson:** EnerVest Operating, LLC; 408 W. Main St.; Abingdon, VA 24210. Attn:
- 12 Chuck Akers.
- **Tim Scott:** And, should this be the address for all communications?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] You may continue, Mr.
- 17 Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Janson, your name, by whom you are employed,
- and your job description, please.
- **Gus Janson:** My name is Gus Janson, employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as the Geology
- 21 Advisor.
- **Tim Scott:** And, you participated in the preparation of this application. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** I did.
- 24 <u>Tim Scott:</u> So, you're familiar with the AFE that was submitted?
- **Gus Janson:** I am.
- **Tim Scott:** What's the proposed well depth, or total depth of this proposed well?
- **Gus Janson:** The depth proposed is 2,647 feet.

- **Tim Scott:** And, what are the estimated reserves of this unit?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated reserves are 815 million cubic feet of gas.
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, again, you reviewed the AFE. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** I have.
- **Tim Scott:** So, you're familiar with the well costs?
- **Gus Janson:** I am.
- **Tim Scott:** What's the estimated dry hole cost?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated dry hole cost is \$161,700.
- **Tim Scott:** And, the estimated completed well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** \$384,038.
- **Tim Scott:** In your opinion, if the Board grants our application, today, would it prevent waste,
- promote conservation, and protect correlative rights?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes, it would.
- 14 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you. That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- **Mary Quillen:** Motion to approve.
- 19 Bill Harris: Second.
- **Bradley Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All in
- 21 favor signify by saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Bradley Lambert:** Opposed no. [No response] Thank you, Mr. Scott. That is approved.
- **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain, Mr. Chairman.
- **Bradley Lambert:** One abstention. Mr. Ratliff.

Item Number 24

- 2 **Bradley Lambert:** The next item on the agenda is the Board will receive an update of the Board
- and Division activities from the Staff. Mr. Cooper.

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- 4 **Bill Harris:** Mr. Chairman, before we do that, we had talked earlier, when the bank was giving
- 5 their report about the number of EnerVest W-9's that were missing. Did we want to address that,
- or ask? I'm not sure if these are the appropriate people to ask. When we had the bank report,
- 7 there were several...we're talking in the hundreds...people that did not have a W-9, so there were
- 8 checks that had not been issued. Is anything being done for that?
- 9 **Tim Scott:** Mr. Harris, what's happened, recently, is I have actually had calls from folks in
- Kingsport, who want to know what's up, when they get a W-9. So, I tell them, "You're going to
- get money," and they will sign it and send it back. So, I think there is some reluctance to sign
- those. I don't know if it's because of the Internal Revenue Service, or what the issue is, but they
- are being sent out, regularly, to each of the parties who are entitled to receive those sums. You
- can lead a horse to water, but it's...difficult.
- 15 **Bill Harris:** Just a number of folks. We had several hundred and I'd say 80 or 90 percent of
- them were EnerVest people. So, I didn't know.
- 17 **Tim Scott:** Maybe, Mr. Akers and Mr. Reeves would like to...
- 18 **Chuck Akers:** Just, exactly what Tim had said. It's an ongoing process that we continue to send
- 19 them out and request them from people and call, but we can request it, but to get people to sign
- them, sometimes, is difficult.
- 21 Mary Quillen: One of the questions that I had about this is the fact that the properties that you
- acquired from Range Resources, if those people had a signed W-9 with Range that would have
- 23 followed with them to EnerVest. Correct?
- 24 **Chuck Akers:** That's correct. Any of the ownership information that Range would have had,
- W-9's or such, would have transferred to EnerVest and we have integrated those.
- 26 Mary Quillen: We just had not gotten any of that information and that's the reason that we
- 27 thought it was a little strange that there were so many.
- 28 **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** 628.
- 29 **Gus Janson:** To help clarify this, if you remember, I believe, that CNX, who is the other major
- person in this escrow, I don't believe they're bringing people who have not signed a W-9 to you,
- for disbursement, where Range and EnerVest has elected to do that. So, we've got them in place.
- 32 If we ever do get the W-9, we can disburse without having to come back to the Board. Is that
- 33 correct?

- 1 **Rick Cooper:** That is correct, Mr. Janson.
- 2 <u>Gus Janson:</u> That's why you have so few CNX's because they're just not bringing those to you.
- 3 <u>Bill Harris:</u> Well, these are from the bank. It was a list of 600 and some folks.
- 4 **Gus Janson:** So, those disbursements have all been approved.
- 5 Mary Quillen: I don't think it was that many individuals because there were a lot of duplicate
- 6 things.
- 7 **Gus Janson:** There's probably several thousand that CNX has not brought you, too, at this
- 8 point.
- 9 **Rick Cooper:** CNX has made a commitment that, if they don't have a signed W-9, they will not
- bring a petition in front of the Board.
- 11 <u>Tim Scott:</u> I think that's not in compliance with the statute. I mean, if the ownership has been
- determined, then the operator, I think, is obligated to come before the Board and ask that those
- monies be disbursed. The addresses that we have are accurate. It's just the fact that somebody
- won't pick it up.
- 15 **Mary Quillen:** Right.
- 16 **Tim Scott:** Or, they won't do anything with it.
- 17 **Bill Harris:** Now, are these certified letters that are sent to them?
- 18 **Gus Janson:** And, they just will not return them.
- 19 **Tim Scott:** One of the gentlemen who came to see me, it was several thousand dollars, and I
- said, "I'll take it." He was afraid that he was obligating himself, by signing a W-9 form and I
- said, "No, this is just to make sure that the proper party is receiving the money. You are the
- 22 person who is the royalty interest owner and you will receive these checks, routinely, following
- 23 this initial check." But, it's difficult to get them to understand that.
- 24 Mary Quillen: We have heard this on a pretty regular basis, as far as signing W-9's, over the
- years. So, it's not anything that's new. You just wonder in this day and age.
- **Gus Janson:** The operator is allowed to, on a going-forward basis, we can withhold their taxes
- and pay those directly to the IRS, but a bank will not allow that. So, they could be paid, going
- forward. It's just the money in escrow that won't be released. That's the bank's position about
- releasing that money, without the W-9.
- **Paul Kugelman:** That's some of the regulations they have to follow.

- 1 <u>Bill Harris:</u> Well, I was just curious.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> It's ongoing. We continue to try to get them to take their money.
- 3 Mary Quillen: But, you just can't force people to do that. You can't force them to change their
- 4 point of view. That money will be sitting there.
- 5 **Bradley Lambert:** Thank you, folks.
- 6 **Tim Scott:** Thank you.
- 7 **Bradley Lambert:** Mr. Cooper.
- 8 **Rick Cooper:** Yes, I wanted to report. Most everything we had to report, we discussed when
- 9 First Bank and Trust was here, but I did want to point out the good work that the staff, the Board,
- and the operators have been doing. This is something that I have put together, here, that you can
- look at, but since July 1, 2015, there's been about \$11,533,371 disbursed. For the Table that I've
- given you, it's broken down on quarters, monthly and quarter. It's really hard to distinguish that
- because sometimes you can write 300 checks and it only totals \$25, so that really doesn't show
- work. I don't know the exact number, as we sit here, but there's been more than 12,000 checks
- written, during this time period. A lot of people think we're not making great progress, but we
- are. As we move forward, I think you'll see these numbers just continue to increase, throughout
- this year. This fiscal year we're working on, now.... The bank reports calendar year. We report
- fiscal year. We've had \$4,555,115, which is pretty good.
- 19 **Bradley Lambert:** Anything further?
- 20 **Rick Cooper:** No, sir.
- 21 **Bradley Lambert:** Any questions from the Board for Mr. Cooper?
- 22 Mary Quillen: Good job!
- 23 **Bradley Lambert:** We appreciate you.
- 24 Mary Quillen: Good job, ladies!
- 25 **Rick Cooper:** Thank the staff. They're the ones. They're the brains behind this outfit.
- 26 Mary Quillen: Absolutely.
- 27 **Bradley Lambert:** We knew that.
- 28 **Rick Cooper:** Thank you for affirming that.
- 29 Mary Quillen: We just never imagined, a very short time ago, that we would see this quickly.
- 30 It seemed like a daunting task.

- 1 Rick Cooper: Right. So, we talk to Ms. Maney sometimes and she'll write 200-300 checks and
- they don't amount to anything. It's great for her. She even asked me, this morning, the Yellow
- 3 Poplar, she would love to write some big checks on very few items because most of these she
- 4 writes.... Well, you see it. 100 checks may be \$500.
- 5 Mary Quillen: Right.
- 6 **Paul Kugelman:** Hopefully, we'll see that Yellow Poplar in June or July.
- 7 **Rick Cooper:** That's what I thought.
- 8 **Bradley Lambert:** Thank you, Mr. Cooper.
- 9 <u>Item Number 25</u>
- 10 **Bradley Lambert:** We need approval of the March 2017 minutes.
- 11 Mary Quillen: Motion to approve.
- 12 Bill Harris: Second.
- 13 **Bradley Lambert:** All in favor signify by saying yes.
- 14 **Board:** Yes.
- 15 **Bradley Lambert:** Thank you, folks. We're dismissed.